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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL TOWN REPORTS
1998

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TOWN OFFICERS
May 1998 to May 1999

MODERATOR

Thomas R. Shearer	Term expires May 2000

TOWN CLERK

Mary C. Taferner	Term expires May 2000

SELECTBOARD

Richard F. Taferner, Chair	Term expires May 2000
Alfred C. Havens	Term expires May 1999
Joanne D. McGee	Term expires May 2001

ASSESSORS

Linwood Wallace, Chair	Term expires May 2001
Ronald Wickey	Term expires May 2000
Warren E. Whitney (Retired 1/6/98-Appointed to May, '99)	Term expires May 1999

TAX COLLECTOR

Barbara J. Brassor	Term expires May 1999

TREASURER

Barbara J. Brassor	Term expires May 2000

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
(Northfield Representatives)

Patricia E. Shearer, Chair	Term expires 2000
Jed Proujansky	Term expires 2000
Mary Llewelyn	Term expires 2002

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Judith Radebaugh
Mary Johnson
Judith Loomis
Michele Steiner
Kris Bowser
MaryAnn Ladd
Kathy Loveland

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jon McGowan, Chair	Term expires May 1999
Lucille Dahlman	Term expires May 1999
Debra Dirth	Term expires May 2000
Kathleen B. Nutter	Term expires May 2000
Michael Grunwald	Term expires May 2001
Phyllis Derigon	Term expires May 2001

CONSTABLES

David Brassor	Term expires May 2001
James B. O'Shea	Term expires May 2001
John D. Ware	Term expires May 2001
Fredd M. Fuller	Term expires May 2001

PLANNING BOARD

David Radebaugh, Chair	Term expires May 2001
Lucinda ~~Kidder~~ resigned	Term expires May 1999
Bonnie L'Etoile	Term expired May 1998
Gary Weiss	Term expires May 2000
David Balk	Term expires May 2002

BOARD OF HEALTH

David R. Gibson, Chair	Term expires May 1999
Mark K. Trumbull Phil Baker	Term expires May 2000
David Balk	Term expires May 2000
Karen Arsenault	Term expires May 2001
Kathryn Bridges-Gray	Term expires May 2001

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Dan A. Gray, Chair	Term expires May 2001
Gary Sibilia	Term expires May 1999
Everett Wickline	Term expires May 2000

RECREATION COMMISSION

Eugene Leonard	Term expires May 1999 -02
David Belcher	Term expires May 2000
Guy Newmann	Term expires May 2001
Linda Peck	Term expires May 2001
Laurie Leese	02
Deb Talcone	02
Dave Juchowski	

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

~~Eugene L'Etoile, Chair~~	Term expires July 1999
~~Dorothy Parrill~~	Term expires July 2000
Lois Stearns	Term epxires July 2000
Reynold Henry	Term expires July 2000
David Yucavitch	Term expires July 2001
Susan E. Giles (Resigned) Carolyn Olsen (Appointed)	Term expires July 2001
Chad Glover	

Rep.to FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

James D. Whitney	Term expires June 2000

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Daniel Arsenault	Term expires March

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Frank S. Turner

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1999

ACCOUNTANT

Deborah Mero Term expires July 1, 1999

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF & DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN

David G. Quinn, Jr.

CAPTAIN & DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN

Thomas Holton

1st LIEUTENANT & DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN

Rory Shippa

2nd LIEUTENANT

Jay Nelson

3rd LIEUTENANT

Thomas Walker

ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

L. Walter Anson

CHIEF OF POLICE

Gary M. Sibilia Term expires Feb.14, 2000

POLICE OFFICERS

Sgt. Robert F. Leighton	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Christopher Blair	
Spencer Bristol	”
David R. Clark	“
William Forrest	“
James B. O'Shea	“
Timothy O'Shea	“
John Raymer	“
Todd Roche	“
Linda Shedd	“
John Waitkus	“

For Mutual Aid purposes:

Chief Peter Brulotte, Bernardston P.D.
Sgt. Rian Graves, Bernardston P.D.
Ofcr. Stephen McConley, Bernardston P.D.

Chief David Hastings, Gill P.D.
Ofcr. Christopher Redman, Gill P.D.
Chief John Paciorek, Erving P.D.

AUXILIARY/MATRON POLICE OFFICER

Shirley A. Thompson	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000

AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENTS

David G. Quinn, Sr.	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
John D. Ware	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
David R. Gibson	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT's)

Danielle Flynn, Dir.	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Linda Shedd, Training Ofcr.	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Renee Lake	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Paula Brault	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Sharon E. Clark	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
James Lake, Jr.	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Robert Inglehart	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
James Dresser	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Michelle Otto (Resigned)	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Thomas Bergeron	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
David Nadeau	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Karen Fleury (Resigned)	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
James Fleury, 1st Responder (Resigned)	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Spencer Bristol, 1st Responder	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Robert Leighton, 1st Responder	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

David R. Gibson	Term expires May 1999

DOG OFFICER

Polly Severance & Kevin Gray	Term expires May 1999

TRUSTEE, FRED W. WELLS WILL

Theodore G. Penick	Term expires May 1999

GRAVES OFFICER

Charles Field	Term expires April 1999

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Floyd M. Dunnell, III, Dir.	Term expires Jan.1, 2000
Thomas Newton, Assistant	Term expires Jan.1, 2000

WIRING INSPECTOR

Edward F. Marchefka
Robert Graves, Alternate
Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector Program

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

James Hawkins	Term expires April 1999
Philip Delorey (alternate)	Term expires April 1999

INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & GAS APPLIANCES

Frank S. Turner	Term expires Dec. 1999

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Donald S. Mason
Ronald H. Laczynski
Kevin Taylor
Pierina Bolton
James J. Marold
Bruce McWilliams
Bruce Symington
Brian Siano
Renee Billiel
Angela Baker

FIELD DRIVERS & FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr.
Paul T. Gorzocoski
Fredd Fuller

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mary C. Taferner	Term expires April 1, 2000
Shirley A. Thompson	Term expires April 1, 2001
Ruth D. Johnson	Term expires April 1, 1999
Edward Fortier	Term expires April 1, 1999
Mary Ann Ladd,, Asst.Reg.	Term expires April 1, 2000
Eleanor Landis, Asst.Reg.	Term expires April 1, 2001

ELECTION OFFICERS

Edward Fortier	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Phyllis Derigon	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Judith Radebaugh	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Betty Gibson	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Ruth D. Johnson	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
JoAnn Newton	Term expires Aug.15, 1999

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Ethel D. Fowler	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Alice Fortier	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Jane Abbott	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Helen Gorzocoski	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Richard F. Taferner	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Susan Sibilia	Term expires Aug.15, 1999
Christine McCollester	Term expires Aug.15, 1999

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Homer Stavely, Chair	Term expires Jan.1, 2002
Jean Kozlowski	Term expires Jan.1, 2001
Patricia Russell (Resigned)	Term expires Jan.1, 1999
Alice Fortier	Term expires Jan.1, 2000
Katherine Wolff	Term expires Jan.1, 2000
Kenneth Hubert	Term expires Jan.1, 2000
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	Term expires Jan.1, 2001
Joanne Havens	Term expires Jan.1, 2002

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS, PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

Edward Shearer, Chair	Term expires Jan.1, 2002
Raymond E. Clark (Resigned)	Term expires Jan.1, 2001
John Nelson (Appointed)	
Joanne D.McGee (Resigned)	Term expires Jan.1, 2003
William Forrest (Appointed)	
Marguerite Lentz	Term expires Jan.1, 2004
Stanley Gaida (Resigned)	Term expires Jan.1, 2000
Dianne Salls (Appointed)	
Thomas J. Russell, Assoc.Member	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Timothy Hay, “ “	Term expires Jan .1, 2002
George-Ann Liebl, “ “	Term expires Jan. 1, 2002
Laura DiBari, “ “	Term expires Jan. 1, 2001
Robert G. Barnes, “ “	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000

NORTHFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Jeanne Sisson, Chair	Term expires July 1, 2000
Shauna Tillson-Griffin	Term expires July 1, 1999
Christine Harris	Term expires July 1, 1999
Anne Harlow	Term expires July 1, 1999
Sharon Miller	Term expires July 1, 2000
Judy Clark	Term expires July 1, 2000

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Charles Blanker, Chair	Term expires July 1, 1999
Mary Ann Wozniak	Term expires July 1, 2001
William Llewelyn	Term expires July 1, 1999
William C. Walker	Term expires July 1, 1999
Laurel Lussen (Resigned)	Term expires July 1, 2000
Mark Carroll	Term expires July 1, 2000
Robert C. Hendry (Moved)	Term expires July 1, 2001

COUNCIL ON AGING

Mary J. Porter, Chair	Term expires Jan.1, 2000
Raymond J. Parenteau	Term expires Jan.1, 2000
Eileen U. Gorzocoski	Term expires Jan.1, 2001
Helen Greene	Term expires Jan.1, 2001
Ruth Dale (Resigned)	Term expires Jan.1, 2001
Cora Mae Rusk (Appointed)	
Gerald Tessier	Term expires Jan.1, 2001
Shirley Nelson	Term expires Jan.1, 2000
Mary Ann Wozniak	Term expires Jan.1, 2000

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brian Brault, Co-Chair	Term expires Dec.31, 2001
Judith Radebaugh, Co-Chair	Term expires Dec.31, 1999
Brenda Kehmeier	Term expires Dec.31, 2001
Eileen Dowd	Term expires Dec.31, 1999
Carol Caldwell	Term expires Dec.31, 2000

Report from the SELECTBOARD for 1998
Annual Report

The past year has been a good year for the Town of Northfield. The town is in sound financial condition, and we have been able to set aside Free Cash and add to the Stabilization Fund. The tax rate has decreased due to sound fiscal management. The PVRS renovation and new construction project is moving forward into the design phase. The tile problems at the Northfield Elementary School have been addressed and a pilot project has been installed for evaluation. The mold problem at the Dickinson Memorial Library had to be addressed immediately, and major foundation work was done to alleviate part of the problem. The Town was able to save thousands of dollars in construction costs by having the Highway Department do the work with the newly acquired backhoe. Due to the generousity of Bonnie and Gene L'Etoile, new landscaping and sod surrounds the new foundation. It was unfortunate that we lost over five hundred books of our collection. The on-going repairs must now be addressed; the need for new dehumidification equipment, insulation, and carpeting is paramount. The Squakheag Village elevator project is currently under construction. This project will greatly enhance the safety of our senior citizens. It will facilitate the ease with which Emergency

Medical Technicians can cope with emergencies. The Town Hall computer systems have all been upgraded, and new equipment has been installed in the offices of the Town Accountant, Treasurer/Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Town Secretary. We hope that this will lessen any Y2K problems for 2000. The Town Hall electric project is nearly complete with the installation of new energy-saving fixtures. A new water main project on Warwick Road is complete with the installation of a six-inch diameter pipe which should greatly enhance water pressure. The Northfield Fire Department has a new ladder truck; we wish to thank the Northfield Mount Hermon School for their generous donation to this endeavor. Much work has been done on our cemetery records. For the first time, these records are now computerized. New cemetery maps are completed.

However, the Town must look to the future. There are on-going needs to be addressed. Future space needs for Town department is paramount. The Town voted funds for a new Police Station at the last Annual Town Meeting, but unfortunately, the bids for the new modular Police Station were not acceptable due to excessive costs and unacceptable construction plans. We are now considering alternate solutions. Make-shift solutions have been tried in the past, but we cannot apply temporary fixes to meet urgent needs. The Police Department was moved to the second floor of the Town Hall in 1985 to solve an acute space need. Now the Police Department uses facilities in the basement, first floor and second floor with no handicap accessibility at the top level. This is an unsafe condition.

New vault space in the Town Clerk's office is a necessity. This vault has been in use since 1927 and it is now overflowing with vital Town Clerk, Accountant, Treasurer , Assessor and Selectmen records. It is not large enough to accommodate our needs.

The work of Town government would not be possible without the continued participation of many devoted people. The Town Hall staff deserve our thanks for their constant help. Police, Fire, Highway and EMT services constantly work to improve the quality of life in our town. We have been fortunate to have volunteers to produce the Northfield Community Newsletter. It is a wonderful and informative venture in keeping the people of Northfield informed in the many aspects of town life. However, we need to have more citizen participation at all levels of Town government. It is increasingly difficult to find people willing to run for Town offices or accept Board appointments. All of us must contribute in some way to keep Northfield alive and vibrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Taferner, Chairman
Alfred C. Havens
Joanne D. McGee
NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

This has been a busy year in the Town Clerk's office. Since 1998 was a State election year, we had a State Primary and Election as well as our local election. The Town of Northfield is growing and we now have 1,842 registered voters. Thanks to the generosity of the Northfield voters, our Accuvote election machine has greatly eased the burden of counting votes for those elections.

This year the Town has also provided a new computer for this office. This will make the preservation of and access to our Town Clerk 's office records more accessible to the citizens. We are in the process of entering information on the new system.

Our records preservation program is continuing and the preservation of Vital Records books is nearly completed. Seven books and the early Indian Deeds have now been sent for deacidification and rebinding. One last book and some small early vital records will go this year as money is voted. This will finish my ten-year plan for the preservation of Northfield's early records. It is a gratifying thing to see the project nearly complete.

The following is the Town Clerk's report for 1998. It is extremely important that our vital records be complete and accurate. If any omission or errors are discovered, please report them immediately to the Town Clerk so that corrections can be made.

Births – 1998

Date	Name	Parents
Jan. 6	Chase Ty Peirce	Todd and Crescent Peirce
Jan. 9	Jacob Ross Amidon	Sidney and Angela Amidon
Jan. 13	Jared Matthew Wiggin	Robert and Wendy Wiggin
Jan. 30	Alyssa Catherine Llewelyn	Daniel and Holly Llewelyn
Feb. 6	Kathryn Marie Gibson	Mark and Susan Gibson
Mar. 4	Andrew Joseph Gamlin-Lacoy	Donald LaCoy/Maureen Gamlin
Mar. 25	Kessandra Renee Rooks	Christopher and Michelle Rooks
Mar. 28	Colby Ryan Bartos	William and Darlene Bartos
Apr. 1	Katya A. Vdovichenko	Anatolyi and Yelena Vdovichenko
Apr. 28	Maia Shelby Hay	Timothy and Jill Hay
May 10	Jenna Catherine Putala	John and Jill Putala
May 26	Colby Alexander Collins	Marvin and Diane Collins
June 6	James Douglas Holloway 3rd	James and Holly Holloway
June 24	Kelsey Lynn Prest	Paul and Deana Prest
July 4	Jordan Black Dunaway-Barlow	James Dunaway/Elizabeth Barlo

Aug. 12	Jonathan Hunter Boston	Hank and Janet Boston
Aug. 24	Daniel Douglas Brown	Carlton and Louella Brown
Sept. 5	Emily Chaisson Clough	Wilfred and Tracey Clough
Sept. 5	Caileb Michael Milton	Scott and Michelle Milton
Sept. 25	Haley Joan Goff	Timothy and Cynthia Goff
Oct. 16	Arlo Kristofer Larange	Kris and Shannon Larange
Dec. 2	Kyle Everett Bergmann	Everett and Jill Bergmann
Dec. 18	Jeffrey Paul Gifford, Jr.	Jeffrey and Mary Anne Gifford

MARRIAGES – 1998

Date	Name and Residence	Place of Marriage
Feb. 14	John Nicholas Rogers, Northfield, Ma. Casey Lea Miller, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
Mar. 14	Alexander C. Mine, Northfield, Ma. Christina N. Anson, Northfield, Ma.	Gill, Ma.
Apr. 30	Milton D. Severance, Northfield, Ma. Robin Elaine Field, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
June 21	Michael T. Nelson, Northfield, Ma. Michelle L. Matteo, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
June 27	Everett M. Bergmann, Northfield,d Ma. Jill Renee Dobias, Northfield, Ma.	Montague, Ma.
July 25	Raymond A. Girard, Jr., Northfield, Ma. Cynthia Ann Wheeler, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
Aug. 1	Jason J. Crook, Alexandria, Egypt Elizabeth D. Johnson, Alexandria, Egypt	Gill, Ma.
Aug. 1	John Manley Croteau 3rd, Keene, N.H. Tracy Ann Koch, Keene, N.H.	Orleans, Ma.
Aug. 14	Noureddine El Alam, Northfield, Ma. Laura L. Schulte, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
Aug. 15	Chris A. DeSimone, Marlborough, N.H. Kelly Joy Watson, Marlborough, N.H.	Holyoke, Ma.

Sept. 5	Robert E. Yarrows, Northfield, Ma. Rebecca L. Thomas, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma
Sept. 11	Peter H. Schrader, Keene, N.H. Ruta M. Deliyannakis, Keene, N.H.	Harwich, Ma.
Oct. 3	Edward H. Laraway, Jr., Northfield, Ma. Kathleen A. Barry, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
Oct. 10	Dwayne M. Keith, Vernon, Vermont Janet L. Croutworst, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
Oct. 10	Kevin Joseph Reilly, Peterborough, N.H. Susan Maria Gryglik, Peterborough, N.H.	Boston, Ma.
Nov. 14	Thomas F. Riley, Hinsdale, N.H. SueEllen Linsenbigler, Hinsdale, N.H.	Agawam, Ma.
Dec. 11	Carey C. Barton, Northfield, Ma. Lorelie Powers, Northfield,, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.

DEATHS – 1998

Date	Name	Date of Birth	Age
Feb. 9	L. Paul Berube	Dec. 11, 1941	56
Feb. 15	Claude L. Shepard, Jr.	May 11, 1917	80
Feb. 25	Geraldine A. Poudrier	Mar. 9, 1948	49
May 28	Catherine E. Gilbert	Mar. 28, 1917	81
July 9	Richard C. Smith	Aug. 22, 1935	62
July 31	Norman W. Holloway	Dec. 26, 1922	64
Sept. 29	Kenneth L. Miller, Sr.	Aug. 8, 1918	80
Oct. 5	Alice G. Heselton	Dec. 4, 1906	91
Oct. 6	James Barry Blackford	Mar. 4, 1936	62
Oct. 15	Clarence Everett Stafford	Oct. 14, 1901	97
Nov. 4	Horace F. Field, Jr.	Oct. 25, 1909	89
Nov. 23	Mary D. Dembek	Dec. 8, 1912	85
Nov. 23	Philip B. Tynan	Sept. 15, 1977	21

DOG LICENSES – 1998

Male Dogs	200
Female Dogs	28
Spayed Female Dogs	182
Kennel ($10.00)	11
Kennel ($25.00)	6
Kennel ($50.00)	3

Late fees and fines collected $ 675.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES – 1998

F1	Resident Fishing	24
F2	Resident Fishing Minor	2
F3	Resident Fishing, 65-69	0
F4	Resident Fishing Handicapped	4
F6	Non-Resident Fishing	2
F7	Non-Resident Fishing, 3-day	0
F8	Resident Fishing, 3-day	0
F9	Non-Resident Minor Fishing	0
T1	Resident Trapping	0
T2	Resident Trapping Minor	0
T3	Resident Trapping, 65-69	0
DF	Duplicate Fishing	0
DT	Duplicate Trapping	0
H1	Resident Citizen Hunting	15
H2	Resident Hunting, 65-69	2
H3	Resident Hunting Paraplegic	0
H4	Resident Alien Hunting	0
H5	Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	0
H6	Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	6
H8	Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	1
S1	Resident Sporting	21
S2	Resident Sporting, 65-69	5
S3	Resident Citizen Sporting, Over 70	16
DH	Duplicate Hunting	0
DS	Duplicate Sporting	0
M1	Archery Stamp	12
M2	Waterfowl Stamp	11
M3	Primitive Firearms Stamp	16
W1	Wildlife Conservation Stamp (Resident)	70
W2	Wildlife Conservation Stamp (Non-Resident)	17

Special and Annual Town Meetings,
May 4, 1998

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Thomas Shearer at 7:00 p.m. Approximately one hundred forty-four (144) voters were present and voted on the following articles:

Article 1: VOTED UNAN. that the Town waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer from the Northfield Nine-Town Community Development Block Grant program funds, the sum of $34,815.00 to upgrade computer hardware and software systems at the Town Hall.

Article 3: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town transfer from the Northfield Nine-Town Community Development Block Grant program funds, the sum of $105,000.00 to purchase and/or erect a structure to be used as a Police Station for the Northfield Police Department.

The Meeting was dissolved at 7:35 p.m. and the Annual town Meeting was opened with the Town Clerk reading the Warrant, and the following articles were acted upon:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 4, 1998

Article 1: VOTED UNAN. that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles:

Article 2: VOTED UNAN. that the Town amend the Town By-Laws by adding the following paragraph:

> "To allow the Town Moderator to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner in which he conducts the taking of a vote when a majority vote is required."

VOTED UNAN. that for the duration of this meeting the town Moderator be allowed to take all votes requiring a 2/3 majority in the same manner in which he conducts the taking of a vote when a majority vote is required..

Article 3: VOTED UNAN. that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees.

At this point the *Resolution* was read by Selectman, Alfred Havens.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 1998 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Brenda Kehmeier – Library Trustee
Peter Bowser – Board of Health
Sandra Campbell – Recreation Commission
Thomas Boisvert – Recreation Commission
Deborah Osowski – Recreation Commission
Ronald Reid – Finance Committee
Chadwick Glover – Finance Committee
David Brassor – Police Officer
James B. O'Shea – Police Officer
Brian Narkowicz – Police Officer
Brian Scott – Police Officer
Gregory Zagrubski – EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)
James Welcome – EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)
Janet Hensel – Public Weigher
Rosa Johnston – Historical Commission
Joan Shellito – Historical Commission
Patricia Russell – Historical Commission
Corys – Heselton – Assoc.Member, Zoning Board of Appeals
Lisa White – Cultural Council
Vera Cooley – Cultural Council
John Nelson – Cultural Council
Neal Smith – Conservation Commission
Ruth Dale – Council on Aging
Fr. John Ayers – Council on Aging
Eugene L'Etoile – Cable TV Advisory Committee
L. Paul Berube (Deceased) – NMH Liason Task Force

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 4, 1998

Article 4: VOTED UNAN. that the town, upon exceeding the levy limit, vote to authorize an "Override Vote" for any monies that exceed the monies recommended by the Finance committee under Article 5 of this Fiscal Year 1999 Annual town Meeting or any other Articles voted at the

Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Town Meeting, which said sum or sums shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "Override of Proposition 2 ½".

Article 5: VOTED UNAN.AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE that the Town., under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or any amendments thereto, fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 1999, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

		Voted FY99
Moderator Salary		0.00
Moderator Expense		80.00
Selectmen Salaries		4113.00
Chairman	1425.00	
Others	1344.00	
Selectmen Expense		7265.00
Administrative Assistant Salary		33311.00
Secretary Salary		23590.00
Finance Committee Expense		315.00
Reserve Fund		10000.00
Accountant Salary		15726.00
Accountant Expense		335.00
Assessor's Salaries		4615.00
Chairman	1603.00	
Others	1506.00	
Assessor's Clerk Salary		15142.00
Assessor's Expense		6550.00
Treasurer Salary		8316.00
Treasurer Expense		3500.00
Tax Collector Salary		5830.00
Tax Collector Expense		6600.00
Town Legal Counsel		15000.00
Computer Supply/Service		4650.00
Tax Title foreclosure		2300.00
Copy Machine Supply/Service		2000.00
Town Clerk Salary		5363.00
Town Clerk Expense		675.00
Elections & Registrations		5000.00
Conservation Commission		620.00
Planning Board		1945.00
Zoning Appeals Board		275.00
Land Damages		1.00
Town Hall Custodian		6941.00
Town Hall Maintenance		18600.00

Town Reports		1600.00
Town Clock		150.00
TOTAL		210408.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Wages & Salaries		100932.00
Chief	38255.00	
Sargeant	29617.00	
P.T.Ofcrs.	22820.00	
Holiday-Chief	1618.00	
O.T.Wages	6622.00	
Police Grant Incent.	2000.00	
Police Operating Expense		17475.00
Fire Dept. Salaries		2733.00
Chief	1906.00	
1st Fire Warden	383.00	
Pub.Safety Ofcr.	191.00	
Fire Dept.Sec'y.	253.00	
Fire Dept. Wages		14971.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense		8250.00
Hose & Equipment		7000.00
Inspection Fees		1400.00
Hydrants		3300.00
Maintenance Fire Station		7500.00
Fireponds/Waterholes		2000.00
Ambulance Service		0.00
EMT Wages & Salaries		4584.00
EMT Expense		2840.00
Building Inspector Salary		10789.00
Building Inspector Expense		1385.00
Wire Inspector Program		7724.00
Civil Defense		500.00
Dog Officer Salary		2221.00
Dog Officer Expense		1450.00
Tree Dept. Wages & Expense		5000.00
Constables Wages		482.00
Constables Expense		30.00
Fence Viewers, Etc.		1.00
TOTAL		202547.00

EDUCATION

PVRS Operating Assessment	1689550.00
PVRS Capital Assessment	26120.64
PVRS Teachers Salary Deferral	4536.47
Franklin County Tech. School Operating Assessment	88655.00
Franklin County Tech. School Capital Assessment	0.
TOTAL	1808862.11

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Hwy. Supt. Expense	6480.00
Highway Dept. Wages	166634.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	80000.00
Oiling & Stoning	60000.00
Highway Tools	1000.00
Snow Removal Wages	Comb. w/hwy
Snow Removal Expense	51800.00
Street Lights	13150.00
Machinery Maintenance	62000.00
Maintenance Highway Garage	4000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Lists	1.00
Solid Waste District	4900.00
Waste Disposal	96505.00
Sewer Commission Salaries	1039.00
Sewer Commission Expense	67.00
Sewer Dept. Collector	512.00
Sewer Dept. Wages	46797.00
Operation & Maintenance Sewer Plant	58071.00
Cemetery Wages & Expense	1200.00
TOTAL	654156.00

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Board of Health Salaries	1730.00
Board of Health Expense	2515.00
Secretary, Board of Health	650.00
Shared Health Agent	6450.00
Septic System Inspection Fees	2000.00
Animal Inspector	1500.00
Council on Aging	9286.00
Soldiers Relief	2500.00
TOTAL	26631.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Dickinson Library Wages	49661.00
Dickinson Library Expense	18585.00
Northfield Farms Library	450.00

Recreation Commission	7000.00
Maintenance, Athletic Field	2000.00
Historical Society Building	400.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Memorial Day	1200.00
Alexander Hall	340.00
Elementary School Building Use	0.00
TOTAL	798326.00

DEBT SERVICE

Maturing Debt – Prin.		213695.00
Sewer (Bnds 1/92)	25000.00	
Sch. (Bnds 1/92)	175000.00	
Sewer (Bnds 7/93)	13695.00	
Interest on Long-Term Debt		155982.98
Sewer (Bnds 1/92)	13695.00	
Sch. (Bnds 1/92)	113520.00	
Sewer (Bnds 7/93)	28767.98	
Interest on Short-Term Debt		3000.00
TOTAL		372677.98

MISCELLANEOUS

Workers Comp. Insurance	8000.00
Unemployment	1500.00
Health Insurance	62200.00
Life Insurance	700.00
Medicare/FICA	11000.00
Other Insurance	27000.00
TOTAL	110400.00
GRAND TOTAL	***$ 3465518.09***

Article 6: VOTED UNAN. that the Town authorize the Selectboard to accept from any association, agency, proprietorship, corporation, enterprise, individual, etc., a sum or sums of money, or other gift for the benefit of the Town or any of its departments, etc.

Article 7: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of unneeded articles worth less than $500 per item in Town owned buildings.

Article 8: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (Massachusetts Highway Department) for Chapter 90-type construction/improvements/reconstruction of public ways; and authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts relative thereto, including the purchase of a new road grader and the disposal of the old road grader as a credit toward the purchase price, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Article 9: MOTION made by Planning Board to take no action on this article. VOTED UNAN. (Revolving Fund for Planning Board.)

Article 10: VOTED UNAN. that the Town, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, authorize the use of a Revolving Fund for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies which fund shall be credited with receipts realized by franchise fees from MediaOne under the authority and direction of the Northfield Cable TV Advisory Committee; such expenditures not to exceed $500.00.

Article 11: MOTION made by Library Trustee to take no action on this article. VOTED UNAN. (Revolving Fund)

Article 12: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE, 54 yes, 34 no, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to form a committee to review and evaluate the current operation of Town government for possible changes that would increase the efficiency of and improve the operation of Town government, and to report their recommendations to the Selectboard prior to the closing of the Warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 13: VOTED UNAN. that the Town designate an Economic Opportunity Area (EOA), the area more particularly described in the Sisson Engineering, 330 Old Wendell Rd., application dated February 3, 1998 and shown as Parcel A9 and A10 of Assessor's Map 60, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to offer a Tax Increment Financing package for said qualified economic development project within above described Economic Opportunity Area.

Article 14: VOTED UNAN. that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to approve the Project Certification Application, dated February 3, 1998, submitted by Sisson Engineering for an increase in the size of the facility located in the Economic Opportunity Area application, and the form of tax increment financing agreement between Sisson Engineering and the Town of Northfield. This approval confirms the information contained in the Project Certification Application that:

a) The project, as proposed, is consistent with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion in the Economic Opportunity Area;

b) The project will not overburden the town's infrastructure and utilities servicing The Economic Opportunity Area; and

b) The project, as described in the Project Certification, will have a reasonable chance of increasing employment opportunities for residents of the project Economic Target Area, thereby reducing blight, and economic depression. The Town requests that the project be designated as a certified project for a term of twenty (20) years.

Article 15: VOTED UNAN. that the Town amend the Northfield Protective Regulation By-Laws by adding a new section entitled "Table of Contents", as follows:

I. Title, authority and purpose 1

II. Administration and enforcement 1
  A. Enforcement (2.01) 1
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  B. Unregistered motor vehicles (11.02) 27

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Article 16: VOTED UNAN. to delay and take no action on this article. (Flood Plain Regulations)

Article 17: VOTED UNAN. that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 181, Section 1 of the Acts of 1995 for annual cost of living adjustment in the annual exemption amount to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and minors under Mass. General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D. The amount of the annual adjustment to be based on 100% of the percentage of the preceding years Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Commission of Revenue will advise Assessors each year of the amount of the increase in the CPI for the preceding year.

Article 18: VOTED UNAN. that the Town rescind Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 1992, which established an enterprise fund for the Sewer Commission under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F ½.

Article 19: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the town dissolve the current Northfield Building space Committee, established by vote of Town Meeting on May 19, 1991, to study and evaluate space of current and future needs for various town departments, and to dismiss the Committee with thanks.

Article 20: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $21,000.00 to purchase a new 4-wheel drive Police Cruiser, with related equipment, and trade-in or dispose of the current Ford Explorer cruiser.

Article 21: VOTED UNAN. to pass over this article. (Police Station)

Article 22: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to purchase a patient stretcher for use by the Northfield EMT's in the Northfield Rescue vehicle, to upgrade and maintain safety.

Article 23: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to purchase a radio repeater for the Northfield Rescue vehicle, to allow increased portable radio communications with dispatch centers and BHS Ambulance.

Article 24: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $35.00 for payment of a Northfield Rescue (EMT's) bill of a prior year to Franklin Medical Center for FY97 Roster charges.

Article 25: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $5,500.00 to supplement the amount appropriated under Article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 1995 and continued on June 26, 1995 for repairing the cupola and painting the Northfield Fire Station building.

Article 26: VOTED UNAN. that the town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for a survey of the property as shown on Assessors Map 4 as Parcel F3, in relationship to the Massachusetts/Vermont state boundary line.

Article 27: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $14,500.00 to replace the sander on the Northfield Highway Department 1987 International dump truck, and dispose of the old sander.

Article 28: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $18,500.00 to install approximately 800 feet of drainage on the upper section of Old Wendell Road.

Article 29: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate ;the sum of $1,250.00 to purchase and install two 80-gallon electric water heaters at the Northfield Elementary School.

Article 30: VOTED UNAN. that the town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to remove old carpet and install new carpet in the computer laboratory of the Northfield Elementary School.

Article 31: VOTED UNAN. to pass over this article. (Upgrade computer systems at Town Hall)

Article 32: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to purchase a sound system with an extra microphone to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen for Town Meetings and municipal activities.

Article 33: VOTED UNAN. to pass over this article. (Cable TV Advisory Committee upgrade of equipment)

Article 34: VOTED UNAN. to pass over this article. (Create storage space in Town Hall balcony)

Article 35: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $6,225.00 to repair one chimney at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 36: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to repair the broken gear on the south face of the Town clock.

Article 37: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 for the preservation of vital record books in the Board of Assessor's Office.

Article 38: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $9,200.00 for the purpose of digitizing the Assessor's maps, and for necessary computer hardware and software to utilize said maps.

Article 39: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to supplement the account to make necessary repairs to the Pine Street School building, a/k/a the Historical society building.

Article 40: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $19,976.23 for its share of the core assessment of the FRCOG. (Franklin Regional Council of Governments)

Article 41: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer the sum of $60,000.00 from Free Cash for the Stabilization Fund/Account.

Article 42: VOTED UNAN. that the Town instruct the Assessors to transfer the sum of $30,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 1999.

Meeting was dissolved at 9:20 p.m.

A True Copy ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 5, 1998

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Seven hundred and thirteen votes were cast with the following results:

Selectman (three years)	
Bruce W. Jones	296
Joanne McGee	404
Bud Havens	1
Mark Fortier	2
David Fortier	2
Ed Fortier	1
Blanks	7
Assessor (three years)	
Linwood Wallace	590
Steve Jurek	1
Eileen Dowd	1
Andrea Dale	1
Blanks	120

Library Trustee (three years – vote for two)

Phyllis Derigon	549
Michael Grunwald	510
John McGowan	1
Linda Balk	1
Paul Gorzocoski	1
Blanks	364

Constable (three years – vote for three)

David Brassor	596
James B. O'Shea	561
John D. Ware	547
Linda Shedd	1
Blanks	434

Constable from Northfield Farms (three years)

Fredd M. fuller	603
Wayne Billings	1
Blanks	10

Board of Health (three years)

Karen W. Arsenault	607
Peter Bowser	10
Kathryn Bridges-Gray	5
Robert Perlman	1
William Forrest	1
Meg Donnelly	1
Karen Brissette	1
Maureen Adams	1
Mark Kalish	1
Hazel Moore	1
Stuart Balk	1
David Fortier	1
Mark Fortier	1
Peter Leyden	1
Al Stone	1
Eileen Grunwald	1
Blanks	791

Sewer Commissioner (three years)

Dan A. Gray	575
Donald Duck	1
Steve Jurek	1
Erik Clugston	1
Blanks	135

Recreation Commission (three years – vote for three)

Guy Newmann	522
Linda Peck	524
Laura DiBari	1
Kevin Murphy	1
Peter Hyrne	1
Sandra Campbell	1
Margaret Livingstone	2
Courtney Jones	2
John Jones	2
Lorrie Byrom	1
Karen Callahan	1
Laurie Shaw	1
Nancy Wate	1
Marilyn Strom	1
Linda Balk	2
Deb Taricano	1
Emilie Tetreault	1
Matthew Duska	1
Jill Shippa	1
Jim Anderson	1
Robert Ross	1
Betty Gibson	1
William Bartos	1
Blanks	1068

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

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STATE PRIMARY – September 15, 1998

DEMOCRATIC

The polls were opened at the time and place set forth in the Warrant. One hundred and forty-one ballots were cast for the Democratic Party. The results are as follows:

Governor

Brian J. Donnelly	4
Scott Harshbarger	91
Patricia McGovern	46
Blanks	0

Lt. Governor	
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	59
Warren E. Tolman	64
Jane Swift	1
Blanks	17
Attorney General	
Lois E. Pines	80
Thomas F. Reilly	53
Blanks	1
Secretary of State	
William Francis Galvin	108
Blanks	33
Treasurer	
Shannon P. O'Brien	108
Blanks	33
Auditor	
A. Joseph DeNucci	99
Blanks	42
Representative in Congress	
John W. Olver	119
Blanks	22
Councilor	
Louis P. Bertonazzi	35
Dennis P. McManus	55
Blanks	51
Senator in General Court	
Stephen M. Brewer	106
Blanks	35
Representative in General Court	
John F. Merrigan	119
Mickey Mouse	1
Dan Hammock	1
Blanks	20
District Attorney	
No Candidate on Ballot	
Blanks	141

Sheriff	
Frederick B. MacDonald	113
Blanks	28

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

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STATE PRIMARY - September 15, 1998

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Governor	
Argeo Paul Cellucci	69
Joseph D. Malone	34
Blanks	5

Lt. Governor	
Janet E. Jeghelian	22
Jane Maria Swift	80
Blanks	6

Attorney General	
Brad Bailey	81
Lois Pine	2
Blanks	25

Secretary of State	
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	73
Blanks	35

Treasurer	
Robert A. Maginn	74
Thomas Joy	1
Shannon O'Brien	1
Blanks	32

Auditor	
Michael T. Duffy	75
Blanks	33

Representative in Congress	
Gregory T. Morgan	78
John Olver	1
Blanks	29

Councilor	
No Candidate on Ballot	
Blanks	108

Senator in General Court	
No Candidate on Ballot	
Michael Noble	1
Stephen Brewer	1
Blanks	106

Representative in General Court	
No Candidate on Ballot	
John Merrigan	2
Blanks	106

District Attorney	
Elizabeth D. Scheibel	87
Blanks	21

Sheriff	
No Candidate on Ballot	
Stanley Gawle	1
Blanks	107

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

There were no candidates on the Reform Party ballot and no votes were cast in Northfield on that ballot.

A True Copy ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION
November 3, 1998

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. One thousand sixty-six ballots were cast with the following results:

Governor and Lt. Governor	
Cellucci and Swift	475
Harshbarger and Tolman	559
Cook and Israel	16
Write-ins	2
Blanks	14

Attorney General

Brad Bailey	383
Thomas F. Reilly	623
Blanks	60

Secretary of State

William Francis Galvin	659
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	294
David L. Atkinson	51
Blanks	62

Treasurer

Bob Maginn	316
Shannon P. O'Brien	669
Merton B. Baker	37
Blanks	44

Auditor

A. Joseph DeNucci	612
Michael T. Duffy	316
Carla A. Howell	67
Blanks	71

Representative in Congress

John W. Olver	763
Gregory L. Morgan	287
Blanks	16

Councilor – 7th District

Dennis P. McManus	724
Blanks	342

Senator in General Court

Stephen M. Brewer	791
One Write-in	1
Blanks	274

Representative in General Court

John F. Merrigan	839
Write-ins	3
Blanks	224

District Attorney

Elizabeth D. Scheibel	784
Write-ins	1
Blanks	281

Sheriff

Frederick B. MacDonald	824
Blanks	242

Council of Governments Executive Committee

Stanley F. Gawle	605
Daniel B. Hammock	574
Write-ins	1
Blanks	952

Regional School Committee-No Candidates on Ballot
Pioneer Valley – Bernardston (four years)

Ellen Pelletier	30
Kathleen O'Shea	8
Jed Proujansky	13
Joanne Streeter	2
Russell Deane	1
Alana Gadreault	9
Kathleen Nutter	1
Sue Hyrne	1
John Ware	1
Robert Perlman	1
Mark Maynard	1
Anne Lyman	1
Mary Llewelyn	1
Art Racine	1
Courtney Jones	1
Pat Shearer	1
Ed Shaw	1
Linda Balk	1
Karen Morgan	1
Susan Finnell	1
Blanks	2055

Regional School Committee
Pioneer Valley – Leyden (four years)

Robert G. Bartlett	485
Richard G. Fontaine	444

Kathy O'Shea	1
Jed Proujansky	1
Alana Gadreault	1
Blanks	1200

Regional School Committee
Pioneer Valley – Northfield (four years)

Mary E. Llewelyn	727
Kathleen O'Shea	5
Jed Proujansky	13
Alana Gadreault	7
Courtney Jones	1
Elizabeth Barry	1
Barbara Kibler	1
Mickey Mouse	1
Blanks	310

Regional School Committee
Pioneer Valley – Warwick (four years)

Mark E. Maynard	594
Blanks	472

Regional School Committee – No Candidate on Ballot
Pioneer Valley (two years) – Northfield

Jed Proujansky	56
Kathleen O'Shea	24
Alana Gadreault	20
Richard Fontaine	1
Sheryl Momaney	1
Margaret Livingstone	2
Bill Wahlstrom	2
Dean Leonard	1
Pete Vearling	1
Paula Brault	1
Maresck	1
B. Kibler	2
Elizabeth Barry	1
Peter Black	1
Doug Turner	1
Walter Nutter	1
Robert Platek	1
Blanks	949

Regional School Committee – No Candidate on Ballot
Pioneer Valley (two years) - Warwick

Jed Proujansky	1

Alana Gadreault	1
Paul Brunelle	1
Al Morgan	1
Andrea Woodds	2
Blanks	1059

Question 1

Yes	689
No	266
Blanks	111

Question 2

Yes	749
No	227
Blanks	90

Question 3

Yes	752
No	222
Blanks	92

Question 4

Yes	731
No	273
Blanks	62

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 30, 1998

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Thomas Shearer at 7:00 p.m. approximately sixty-one voters were in attendance to act on the following articles:

At this point in the meeting the Moderator asked the voters if they were willing to delay the Town Meeting until 7:30 p.m. as there had been a misprint in the paper on the time. Voters wished unanimously to begin the meeting at 7:00 p.m. as stated in the Warrant.

Article 1: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer the sum of $4,500.00 from available funds (Free Cash) to replace approximately two hundred (200) square feet of sub-floor and tile in a section of the hallway and a section of one classroom at the Northfield Elementary School.

Article 2: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer the sum of $850.00 from available funds (Free Cash) to defray costs associated with additional maintenance for Town sponsored programs at the Northfield Elementary School.

Article 3: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of $8,084.00 to the Dickinson Memorial Library expense budget to defray costs already incurred that are associated with removing mold from the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 4: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of $11,000.00 to prevent future mold infestation at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 5: VOTED UNAN. that theTown authorize the Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library and the Northfield Selectboard to apply for State and/or Federal funding to defray all or part of the cost of design, construction and original equipping of a library renovation and/or addition of the present building and authorize the Dickinson Memorial Library Trustees and the Northfield Selectboard to accept and expend any such funds without further appropriation.

Article 6: VOTED UNAN. that the Town authorize the creation of the Dickinson Memorial Library Building Fund in the form of an expendable trust interest bearing account; said fund to accept gifts and donations which can be spent by vote of the Board of Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library without further appropriation for planning, designing, and renovating or constructing a renovation and/or addition to the present building.

Article 7: VOTED UNAN. that the Town, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 ½, authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of conducting a town-wide special gathering, “THE GREAT NORTHFIELD BARBECUE,” on Labor Day Weekend 1999, which fund shall be credited with receipts from sponsors and fees charged to vendors under the authority and direction of the Selectboard with advice from the Great Northfield Barbecue Committee appointed by the Selectboard, such expenses not to exceed $10,000.00.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

A True Copy ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1998

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		
Raised by taxation	$	3,887,372.19
Education offset items		2,826.00
Veterans District Services		5,113.00
State and County Charges		12,105.02
County Retirement Services		46,010.20
Current Year Overlay		28,278.35
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	**$**	**3,981,704.56**

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:		
Cherry Sheet Receipts	$	511,644.00
Local Estimated Receipts		482,420.00
Free Cash		117,852.87
Revolving Funds		0.00
Other Available Funds		30,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	$	1,331,731.87
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	**$**	**2,649,972.69**

VALUATIONS BY CLASS	
Residential	130,681,480
Commercial	8,890.507
Industrial	8,461,500
Personal	16,765,810
Total Value	**164,799,297**

Residential Class	79.2974% of levy
Commercial Class	5.3947% of levy
Industrial Class	5.1344% of levy
Personal Property Class	10.1735% of levy

The FY1999 tax rate of $16.08 was approved by the Department of Revenue on September 2 1998. Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills were mailed on September 29, 1998.

PROPERTY ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS GRANTED FISCAL YEAR 1999

#		
5	Real & Personal Property	$ 2,039.09
16	Elderly Exemptions	7,750.00
18	Veterans Exemption	5,200.00
8	Blind Exemptions	3,500.00
9	Surviving Spouse & Elderly	1,619.10
56	Total	$ 20,108.19

PERSONAL PROPERTY UNCOLLECTABLE

1996	$ 131.04	1992	$ 1.30
1995	145.62	1991	2.16
1994	29.65	1989	3.79

Total $ 313.56

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998

1998 Levy	
Number of motor vehicles	3204
Total Value	$9,779,770.00
Total Tax	$ 207,810.25
Number of abatements granted	147
Total taxes abated	$ 7,196.48
Number of Boats	35
Total Value	$110,500.00
Total Tax	$ 1,105.00
Number of abatements granted	4
Total taxes abated	$ 120.00
Number of dealer plates	8
Total Tax	$ 800.00
1997 Levy	
Number of motor vehicles	201
Total Value	$ 961,427.00
Total Tax	$ 5,579.35
Number of abatements granted	3
Total taxes abated	$ 555.62
1996 Levy	
Number of abatements granted	1
Total taxes abated	$ 147.29

1991 Levy

Number of abatements granted	1
Total taxes abated	$ 30.00

1990 Levy

Number of abatements granted	6
Total taxes abated	$ 106.25

1989 Levy

Number of abatements granted	5
Total taxes abated	$ 73.34

After 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Northfield, Warren Whitney is retiring. When he first came into the Assessor's Office the tax rate was $32 per thousand value, with a total real and personal value of $14.4 million. Now the tax rate is $16.08 with a total real and personal value of $164.8 million. Another big change was in 1994 when the office was moved from his home to the Town Hall and a clerk was hired. Through the many years he has worked faithfully and tirelessly to keep up with all the changes and growth in Town. We shall miss him.

We would like to express our appreciation to all citizens and Town officials for their cooperation and courtesy extended to the Board during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linwood Wallace, Chairman
Warren E. Whitney
Ronald Wickey

Carol Holden, Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998

REAL ESTATE

1998 Committed	2374825.91	
Refunds	1796.31	
Collected		2279822.17
Abated		18603.59
Uncollected		78196.46

1997	Outstanding 7/1/97	74390.18	
	Refunds	267.84	
	Collected		46860.52
	Uncollected		27797.50
1996	Outstanding 7/1/97	10354.98	
	Collected		10157.64
	Uncollected		197.34
1995	Outstanding 7/1/97	66.06	
	Collected		66.06

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1998	Committed	271618.82	
	Collected		271050.52
	Uncollected		568.30
1997	Outstanding 7/1/97	591.08	
	Collected		364.96
	Uncollected		226.12
1996	Outstanding 7/1/97	418.76	
	Collected		80.61
	Abated		131.04
	Uncollected		207.11
1995	Outstanding 7/1/97	518.64	
	Collected		221.71
	Abated		145.62
	Uncollected		151.31
1994	Outstanding 7/1/97	67.31	
	Abated		29.65
	Uncollected		37.66
1993	Outstanding 7/1/97	37.21	
	Uncollected		37.21
1992	Outstanding 7/1/97	35.59	
	Abated		1.30
	Uncollected		34.29
1991	Outstanding 7/1/97	45.26	
	Abated		2.16
	Uncollected		43.10
1990	Outstanding 7/1/97	40.46	
	Uncollected		40.46
1989	Outstanding 7/1/97	3.82	
	Abated		3.82

FARM ANIMAL

1997	Committed	4098.09	
	Collected		3819.50
	Uncollected		278.59

1996	Outstanding 7/1/97	216.00	
	Uncollected		216.00
1995	Outstanding 7/1/97	216.00	
	Collected		99.15
	Uncollected		116.85
1994	Outstanding 7/1/97	73.50	
	Collected		73.50

MOTOR VEHICLE

1998	Committed	178734.39	
	Refunds	354.40	
	Collected		149900.72
	Abated		3144.53
	Uncollected		26043.54
1997	Outstanding 7/1/97	7281.77	
	Committed	61843.95	
	Refunds	2768.85	
	Collected		63193.27
	Abated		4708.65
	Uncollected		3992.65
1996	Outstanding 7/1/97	4221.14	
	Committed	2936.79	
	Collected		4376.90
	Abated		310.62
	Uncollected		2470.41
1995	Outstanding 7/1/97	2616.77	
	Collected		214.84
	Abated		35.00
	Uncollected		2366.93
1994	Outstanding 7/1/97	1448.64	
	Collected		317.92
	Uncollected		1130.72
1993	Outstanding 7/1/97	1098.50	
	Collected		456.35
	Uncollected		642.15
1992	Outstanding 7/1/97	689.88	
	Collected		5.00
	Uncollected		684.88
1991	Outstanding 7/1/97	671.66	
	Collected		90.83
	Uncollected		580.83
1990	Outstanding 7/1/97	1110.58	
	Collected		178.55
	Abated		11.25
	Uncollected		920.78

1989	Outstanding 7/1/97	1118.10	
	Committed	17.50	
	Collected		137.92
	Uncollected		997.68

BOAT EXCISE

1997	Committed	801.00	
	Abated		50.00
	Collected		681.00
	Uncollected		70.00
1996	Outstanding 7/1/97	85.00	
	Abated		75.00
	Uncollected		10.00
1995	Outstanding 7/1/97	75.00	
	Abated		75.00

SEWER USE

1997	Committed	124919.81	
	Refunds	923.89	
	Collected		122931.82
	Abated		915.16
	Uncollected		1996.72
1996	Outstanding 7/1/97	2776.07	
	Committed Interest	323.90	
	Overpayment	o.49	
	Collected		2077.77
	Abated		231.38
	Uncollected		791.31
1995	Outstanding 7/1/97	523.14	
	Collected		523.14

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Brassor, Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance per statement 6/30/98	844357.38	
Deposits in transit	92999.70	
Outstanding Checks	131173.99	
Balance per checkbook		806183.09

GENERAL INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		9266.51
State Street Bank & Trust		222016.24

INTEREST EARNED-GENERAL

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	492.99	
State Street Bank & Trust	6151.26	
Greenfield Co-Operative	21198.45	

EOCD REHAB. PROGRAM

Balance 7/1/97	192623.32	
Interest earned	10823.50	
Balance 6/30/98		203446.82

EOCD INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		203446.82

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance 7/1/97	94806.88	
Interest earned	5327.19	
Balance 6/30/98		100134.07

STABILIZATION INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		100134.07

ARTS COUNCIL

Balance 7/1/97	4448.34	
Receipts	3150.00	
Interest earned	61.01	
Payments per warrant	3628.85	
Balance 6/30/98		4031.50

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		4031.50

AERIAL LADDER

Balance 7/1/97	5937.81	
Interest earned	130.91	
Payment per warrant	858.64	
Balance 6/30/98		5210.08

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		5210.08

DICKINSON MEM.LIB.BUILDING FUND

Balance 7/1/97	107.74	
Interest earned	1.07	
Balance 6/30/98		108.81

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		108.81

TECHNICAL FEE ACCOUNT

Balance 7/1/97	873.44	
Interest earned	19.85	
Balance 6/30/98		893.29

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		893.29

RECREATION COMMISSION

Balance 7/1/97	8499.08	
Receipts	23787.50	
Interest earned	42.92	
Deposit in transit	960.00	
Payments per warrant	28213.49	
Balance 6/30/98		3156.01

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance per statement	3156.01	
Balance per checkbook		3156.01

TRUST FUNDS	Balance	Interest	Int.to Treas.	Deposits	Withdraw	Bal.6/30/98
LIBRARY						
C.Ina Merriman	1415.14	56.08				1471.22
Belcher Funds	12284.57	505.31			466.40	12323.48
Chas.Dickinson	3557.70	149.07				3706.77
Maude Montague	2532.64	106.09				2638.73
Marina Stanley	678.28	28.39				706.67
Richard G.Holton	645.79	27.03				672.82
Nfld.Chap.DAR	129.33	5.37				134.70
Ethel Jackson	1010.78	42.33				1053.11
Paul Bowman	78862.69	3742.98			3696.62	78909.05
Giles Mem.Fund	2232.43	93.45				2325.88
McGowan Mem.Fd.	7510.66	316.34		300.00		8127.00
CHARITY						
Starkweather	37995.27	1591.84				39587.11
George Morgan	14575.82	593.59			695.00	14464.41
Elisha Alexander	11685.90	489.58				12175.48
Lottie Evans	6632.39	277.84				6910.23
Roselle Evans	2678.31	112.13				2790.44
SCHOOL						
Belcher Center	2639.60	110.54				2750.14
Surplus Rev.Fund	2090.06	87.53				2177.59
PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS						
Willis K.Parker	1507.90	63.14				1571.04
BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET						
Ethel Jackson	1568.75	65.69				1634.44
MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND						
Gfld.Savings	42612.99	2517.55				45130.54
Gfld.Co-Op.Bank	2017.23	21.87		1350.87	1500.00	1889.97
Gfld.Co-Op.Bank	27311.29		1350.87	1500.00		28811.29
CEMETERIES						
Center	36851.82	1506.27			2240.00	36118.09
West Nfld.	17769.23	702.69			1912.00	16559.92
Pentecost	2279.23	101.77	Smith/Minkler	375.00	32.00	2724.00
Nfld.Farms	12613.97	524.35	Reid -	125.00	645.04	
			Miller -	250.00		12868.28
Mt.Hermon	9099.04	381.16				9480.20
So.Mountain	126.54	5.28				131.82

TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE			
BankBoston	718.06	30.05	748.11

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor, Treasurer

REPORT FOR 1998 FROM TRUSTEES OF DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We began this year focused for the most part, on celebrating a joyous event – the Centennial of the Dickinson Memorial Library, in a ceremony held on June 14, 1998. Honored guests included State Senator Stephen Brewer and Mark Dickinson, a descendant of our nineteenth century benefactor, Elijah Dickinson. Entertainment was provided by the Pioneer Valley Regional School Concert Band and, through an Arts Council grant, the musical duo Yankee Notions. It was a rather hot and humid day for a birthday party, but a good time was had by all who attended.

It seemed that no sooner had we passed that milestone, we were faced with perhaps the greatest challenge in the history of the building itself – a devastating mold infestation which became acute in September of 1998 and continues to be addressed as we enter our second century of operation in this historic but antiquated facility. Repairs have been made and books have been replaced, but we must continue to seek ways to maintain the buildings' air quality so as to prevent another such mold outbreak in the future. At the same time, the Trustees are committed as well as legally obligated to seek affordable and appropriate solutions to the issue of handicap accessibility, be that through renovations or expansion or a combination of both.

Throughout both celebration and crisis, the Trustees have enjoyed the support of many. Without the assistance of the Friends of the Library, the Selectboard, the Finance Committee, the Town Highway Department, and the community at large, our Centennial Celebration would not have been as happy an event as it was. Nor would we have been able to weather the mold infestation, seek to eliminate the causes, repair the damage, and keep the library open as much as possible while addressing the crisis. Most of all, the Trustees continue to appreciate the efforts and the perseverence of Library Director Barbara Mennard, Assistant Librarian Sharon Miller, and staff members Kelly Brassor and Nell Champoux. As the Dickinson Memorial Library enters its second century, we, its Trustees, remain grateful for the support of the Town. We will continue to do our part in ensuring a continuation of all that the Library brings to the Town of Northfield and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon McGowan, Chair
Lucille Dahlman
Phyllis Derigon
Debra Dirth
Michael Grunwald
Kathleen Banks Nutter

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – 1998

Our Revolving Fund ended on June 30, 1998. Between January and June we spent $1,089.04 on bar codes, patrons bar coded cards, CD Roms, disks and ink cartridges. In June we turned the remaining $851.57 over to the Town.

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As noted, we fought the on-going mold problem throughout the fall and, indeed, are continuing the battle. The basement room – formally the children's room – has been gutted. We hope by the end of next year to convert it into a small meeting room. Dehumidifiers are being installed in the basement rooms. Rugs are being removed from the first floor and air conditioning is under investigation. One of the results of closing for six weeks was a drop in most statistics. There was one less visit to Squakheag Village, six weeks on no home deliveries or interlibrary loans.

We have tried through it all to maintain a level of service our patrons expect. Judy Clark continued to organize and lead story hour and the summer reading program. Phyllis Derigon continued to deliver books to those who can no longer make it into the library. Gwen/Dan Kratz, Stewart/Linda Balk and Tim/Tracy Rogers shared custodial duties in 1998. Four-Star Farm, Bonnie/Gene L'Etoile converted the mud puddle on the north side of the building to a much-envied perfect lawn. In July Nell Champoux joined the staff as a very welcomed after school page.

The support of the Staff, Trustees, Finance Committee, Selectboard, Fire Department and particularly the Highway Department helped make survival possible. A special thanks to all our patrons who offered support, good wishes and stuck with us. Welcome home.

STATISTICS for 1998:

Circulation		Attendance	New People
Adult -	20414	5705	85
Juvenile-	8252	2689	27
Total	28666	8394	112

Interlibrary Loan To - 61
From - 376

Volunteers – 20
Volunteer hours – 507

Home Deliveries – 450 books
Squakheag Village – 455 books

Out of town circulation – 1382
Out of state circulation – 683

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Mennard,, Library Director

NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Listed below are some of the things that we have worked on during 1998 for Northfield:

1. Joining Franklin County Scenic Byway
1. Revision of Flood Plain By-Laws for vote at 1999 Town Meeting
1. Sponsored Futures Committee which is now composed of following Subcommittees:
    a. Main St., space
    a. Business
    a. Recreation
    a. Education
    a. History
1. Numerous applications approved for dividing existing parcels of land into two or more building lots. These did not come under our Subdivision Control By-Law and were only subject to lot size restrictions. The interest in new home construction in Northfield continues.
1. Reviewing grant possibilities for updating our Master Plan and maps and projecting growth and progress for Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Radebaugh, Chairman
Lucinda Kidder
David Balk
Bonnie L'Etoile
Gary Weiss

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

We have issued a total of 33 sewer disposal permits; fourteen were repair, the rest were new construction. Also, we have issued installer's permits, hauler's permits and food establishment permits.

With the efforts of the District Health Engineer, food establishments have been inspected and reports given to the Board.

We have taken action on some complaints concerning sewer system problems and excess garbage and debris on property. Some of these complaints were referred to the County Health Agent.

We have been working with the Franklin County Solid Waste District regarding possible sites, costs, etc. for our solid waste. Effective July 1, 1999 Bernardston landfill will be closed.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Gibson, Chairman	David Balk
Kathryn Bridges-Gray	Mark Trumbull
Karen Arsenault	

SEWER COMMISSION

Annual Report

The Board of Sewer Commissioners set the user rate at $262.36 per unit for the Fiscal Year 1998-1999. The Sewer Department was eligible for state money through the Sewer Rate Relief Fund and received approximately $18,033.00 which is based on our loan debt. This money is only used to reduce the rate.

We have had many improvements to the plant so far this year, including: removing 4 yards of grit from the north interceptor which has accumulated since 1972. We have done more fine-tuning of hydraulics in the secondary clarifiers. We have painted the inside of the plant, which was long overdue. In October we finished installing our backup generator. We've TVd most of the old sewer lines to determine which ones need the most attention. We have increased more of our spare parts inventory.

In 1998 we had 7 new sewer hookups added to our plant and we expect to have more in 1999.

Again, the Board would like to acknowledge our Chief Operator, Jack Patch, for another outstanding job throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan A. Gray, Chairman
Gary Sibilia
Everett Wickline

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

It is my pleasure to present my second report as Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen. As the Selectboard's assistant I serve as liaison with state and regional agencies and town counsel. I prepare correspondence, assist with the budget, research issues and special projects, prepare bid specifications for goods and services, coordinate insurance information, and prepare grant applications.

In 1998 I worked on a variety of projects involving purchasing, building maintenance, planning and policy development. One of the most significant purchasing projects involved buying computer hardware and software for several town offices. The project required numerous meetings with Town Hall staff and vendors involving often-complicated discussions of the feasibility of networking, hardware requirements, the suitability of software packages to Northfield applications and, of course, cost. In the end, much of the hardware was purchased from low bidder Systems, Software, Support, Inc. and the software came from the State bid. Other major purchases for the year included a grader, sander and backhoe/loader for the Highway Department.

Building maintenance is an important responsibility of the Selectboard. When in early 1998 it appeared that the Board had received an especially high bill for electricity, I contacted Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Two representatives from the company toured the Town Hall and developed a spreadsheet detailing current light fixtures and recommendations for improvements. Last summer E.W. Martin Co. of Greenfield replaced or modified for energy efficiency most town hall fixtures. The project's payback period is estimated to be 3 years with continued savings on energy costs. Other maintenance projects completed in 1998 included the replacement of floor tiles in a section of hallway at the elementary school and the removal of the leaking chimney at the former Pine Street School building.

Planning activities in 1998 included a continuation of a project begun in 1997 to upgrade and preserve Northfield's historically significant town common. With the assistance of FRCOG Director of Planning, Peggy Sloan, Professor John Martin of UMass's Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning was contacted about the common serving as a studio project for graduate students. In a related project, seven students from the Conway School of Landscape Design descended on the Town Hall for a day of measuring, planning and sketching in preparation for the siting of a veteran's monument.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment of 1998 was the failure to secure expanded office space for the Police Department. In response to a detailed RFP two bids were received for a modular structure to be located behind the Town Hall. Both bids were for an amount greater than the appropriation. Although disappointing, the failure of the project gives the town an opportunity to examine what I believe is one of its most pressing issues, the adequacy of town buildings to meet the current and future needs of town departments.

To increase my knowledge of municipal policy and so better serve the town in 1998 I attended meetings and workshops on the Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law, County Retirement, Y2K preparedness, the Uniform Procurement Act, public construction laws, Prevailing

Wage, electric utility restructuring and the Designer Selection Law. 1998 was a challenging and rewarding year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the town..

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Draves

NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am pleased and honored to present this, my sixth report, to the Town of Northfield as Chief of Police.

During 1998, I applied for and received the following grants:

Massachusetts DARE	$ 6,000
Massachusetts Community Policing	42,125
Total:	$ 48,125

In January, 1998, we started a Citizen Police Academy to provide citizens of Northfield an opportunity to learn about the Police Department, our officers, and the different tasks performed by the department. This was a great success, and we were pleased to graduate fourteen students.

During 1998, Officer Shedd was selected to become a DARE mentor for the State DARE program which enabled her to become the first Franklin County DARE Mentor Officer.

The department purchased a 1998 Crown Victoria police cruiser through Community Policing grant monies which enabled us to cut down the mileage on the two other police vehicles.

Through our grant programs the Northfield Police Department supported the Recreational Ski Program, TRIAD, DARE classes at the Elementary School, Linden Hill School and PVRS, a white water rafting trip for 6th grade DARE graduates, and the PVRS track team. Grants also allowed us to expand our bicycle patrols for three seasons and to provide officers at special events without spending any funds from the Town budget.

Our Mission Statement: We, the Northfield Police Department, are committed to providing the highest quality of police service by empowering our members and the community to work in partnership. The goal of the Northfield Police is to improve the quality of life within the Town while at the same time maintaining respect for an individual's rights and dignity.

CRIME STATISTICS 1997/1998

SERVICE CALLS:	**1998**	**1997**
Alarms	95	84
Animals	78	72
Assist Fire Dept.	37	44
Assist Medical	95	97
Assist Other P.D.	148	126
Assist Persons	91	66
F.I.D.Cards	14	20
Found Property	26	19
Pistol Permits	67	38
Respond PVRS	50	36
Respond NMHS	53	48
House Checks	100	75
General Service	427	461
911 Hang Ups	58	62
TOTAL:	1339	1248

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS:		
Annoying Calls	21	14
Arson	1	1
Attempted Rape	1	1
Assault & Battery	18	18
Breaking/Entering	23	26
DISTURBANCES:		
a) Domestic	18	18
b) Neighbor	7	12
c) Disord.Person	6	3
d) Noise	16	11
e) Juvenile	19	18
LARCENY:		
a) Property	44	64
b) Bad Checks	8	8
Missing Persons	10	12
Rape	0	0
Sexual Assaults	0	3
Suspicious Persons	45	49
Vandalism	36	31
Weapons/Shots Fired	12	7
Miscellaneous	128	128
Attempted B&E	11	2
Robbery	0	1
Suicide	0	1
Att.Abduction	1	0
TOTAL:	425	428

MOTORVEHICLES:	**1998**	**1997**
M/V Accidents	72	81
M/V Disabled	89	82
M/V Fatal	0	1
M/V Leaving Scene	8	10
M/V Citations	600	636
M/V Warnings	900	801
M/V Neg.Oper.	48	35
M/V Suspicious	64	45
M/V Recov. Stolen	2	2
M/V Stolen	2	8
M/V Towed	102	85
M/V Complaints	51	35
TOTAL:	1938	1821

DEPARTMENT ARRESTS:		
a) Adult	142	132
b) Juvenile	12	23
TYPE OF ARREST:		
Assault & Battery	15	3
A&B Police Officer	0	0
A&B Dang.Weapon	3	3
Breaking/Entering	3	4
CHINS Warrants	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	3	1
OUI	19	23
Larcenies	9	12
Property Damage	1	0
Poss. Of Drugs	16	20
Protective Custody	1	1
Rape/Attemp.Rape	0	1
Sexual Assaults	0	0
Rec'g.Stolen Property	3	1
Susp./Revoked License	33	30
Trespassing	10	10
Restraining Orders	0	2
Warrants	15	20
Weapon Violations	2	0
Other Arrests	20	23

MONEY TURNED IN TO TOWN
FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

From Fines	$	22,400.00
Pistol Permits		1,490.00
F.I.D.Cards		74.00
Insurance Reports		145.00
Admin. Fees		790.13
TOTAL TO TOWN:	$	24,899.13

COURT:		
Court Hours	328	299
D.A.Office	22	7
Investigations	13	32
Magistrate Hearings	160	254
Restraining Orders	35	33
Summonses	109	80

Thank you for allowing me to serve the residents of Northfield as Chief of Police. Remember, if you need the police, contact Shelburne Control at **625-8200** or **911** in an emergency situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary M. Sibilia
Chief of Police

NORTHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Northfield Fire Department responded to a total of 134 calls last year. The calls are itemized as follows:

Structure Fire		1
Chimney Fires		6
Vehicle Accidents		10
Vehicle Fires		3
Fire Alarms		36
NMH	21	
Other	15	
Malicious Fire Alarms		3
Carbon Monoxide Alarms		5
Brush Fires		8
Illegal Burning		2
Electrical Fires		7
Power Lines Down		9
Smoke Investigations		4
Mutual Aid Given		22
Received	2	
Oil Burner Malfunctions		3

Hazardous Materials Response	4
Assist EMT's	2
Assist Sewer Dept.	5
Miscellaneous Calls/Public Service	4
TOTAL	134

As shown above, the Northfield Fire Department continues to respond and handle the various emergencies within the community. We keep seeing a continuing increase in the number of fire alarms we are called to. Interestingly enough, of the 36 fire alarms activated, 15 of them detected smoke from potential fire conditions caused by unattended cooking, careless smoking, and overheated electrical equipment. Without this type of early detection, any of these 15 responses could have been much worse. The remaining 21 calls were caused by dirty detectors, faulty systems, or improper repair of the systems. Our numbers show that early warning fire detection systems can keep fire losses down, but these systems must be maintained properly to keep from causing nuisance alarms. Smoke detectors should only be a part of your fire safety plan, they need to activate when fire prevention measures have failed. **REMEMBER: A SMOKE DETECTOR THAT DOESN'T WORK – CAN'T PROTECT!**

I am pleased to report the newly acquired ladder truck was put into service last March. It has worked out very well and is a tremendous asset to our firefighting capabilities. Last summer the members continued to fix up the metal building that houses the ladder truck. They donated their labor and gave the building a badly needed paint job with a paint sprayer. Many townspeople have commented on how much better the building looks.

After last years' Town Meeting we now have the money allocated to repair the Fire Station cupola and wood trim. We are looking forward to getting this done in the spring.

I am asking for an article on the Town Meeting warrant for large diameter supply hose. This hose will be used in and outside of the hydrant districts. It allows us to lay a 4" water main directly from a water source to the fire. It is compatible to many of our neighboring fire departments that respond in to help us on major fires. The article will outfit both pumper/tankers with the necessary hose, fittings and appliances.

On behalf of the Fire Department, I want to thank you for your continued support. I thank the employers of our firefighters for understanding and cooperating by letting them take the time from their work schedule to protect Northfield.

I want to thank the members for their continued dedication, the officers for their vital assistance, and the firefighters families for their understanding and support. I want to also thank all the Boards, Committees and Departments that I have worked with this year. Teamwork is what makes it happen!

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. "Skip" Dunnell, III
Fire Chief

NORTHFIELD RESCUE

Northfield Rescue has had both a busy and successful year with many changes. In the past year we responded to 132 calls in which about half of them required Advanced Life Support. There were four instances when we needed to provide the transportation to Franklin Medical Center for our patients. We also had 2 instances when we responded mutual aid to Gill when BHS Ambulance was not available to come and transport their patients.

For the second year in a row the group has a new Director and has added many new faces. We have a new first responder who is going through EMT school at this time as well as two other first responders wanting to join and later go through EMT school. We are adding to our group a new EMMT who has had past experience on Gill's department. Due to the changes in peoples lives, regrettably we had 4 EMT's and 1 first responder resign from the group to pursue other avenues in life. One of our EMT's passed her state exam to become an Intermediate while another is in waiting for her Paramedic exam. Despite the changes we are still committed to providing around the clock service to the town and are looking for people who are EMT's or would like to learn more about becoming an EMT to help provide emergency care to the sick and injured until an ambulance arrives.

As the new Director I am hoping to keep the group heading towards our good working relations with the Police and Fire Departments as well as becoming more involved with town activities. As always we are looking to maintain and improve our service to the town. We are here for one reason and that is to provide the best patient care possible to the residents and all who pass through our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle, Flynn
Director, Northfield Rescue

NORTHFIELD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Winters' end and early spring gave us an opportunity to get brush cut and chipped. Roadways were swept and patched. We cut back and prepared eight miles of roadway to be oiled and stoned. All dirt roads were graded, graveled and reshaped for better runoff.

We had many man hours on **Beaver** control, cleaning plugged culverts, and maintaining water levels to prevent flooding of streets.

Turnpike Road

After the Water District had their new line installed, we went in and added much needed drainage to the street, set catch basins with paved inverts – then, as part of the Water District's agreement, the road surface involved with the new main was paved, and edges were re-loamed and seeded.

Old Wendell Road (upper end)

We installed sub-drains to remove ground water and to help the roadway from becoming a bog.

Also, late in the summer we dug up the north foundation wall at the Dickinson Library. The wall was sealed, foundation drain installed and the surface was re-graded to help with water runoff.

Our annual fall task included going about town, cleaning and checking all waterways, be it ditch, bleeder or culvert. Structures were marked in roadways so that catch basins and runoffs could be found this winter.

The three fuel storage tanks at the Highway Garage were placed on the "do not use" list as part of the program to remove all underground tanks. New above-ground tanks; one for diesel fuel, one for use of motor oils, and a new inside #2 fuel tank will be installed.

Early winter gave us an opportunity to get much needed equipment repairs done. January saw us with four ice storms which involved many man hours, and many tons of sand and salt to combat this act of nature. Ice blades on the grader were used to rip up miles of the frozen layers.

Again, I want to thank the men of the Department for their readiness, many hours, and unending help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
David "Mike" Gibson,
Superintendent of Streets

TREE DEPARTMENT

Twenty-four trees along the roadways were removed. Five trees were cleaned up after the power company had removed them from the power lines.

Brush was cut and trees trimmed around town. Gulf Road had tree trimming done to allow sunlight to the road's surface.

All chips are hauled to West Northfield, Transfer Station area and piled. These chips are available to anyone during Transfer Station regular hours.

David "Mike" Gibson
Tree Warden

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER REPORT

All cemeteries were raked and cleaned in the spring. Many stones were straightened and regrouted to hold them.

Coller Cemetery and So. Mountain Rd. Cemetery were loamed and seeded where settling had taken place over the years.

Cemeteries were mowed and maintained throughout the summer by Richard and Roger Bassett and Charles Hewitt. Thank you for your fine work.

David "Mike" Gibson
Cemetery Commissioner

BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The value of work done in Fiscal Year 1998 remained steady and nearly identical to 1997 and 1996, with a total of $2,339,138. Permit fees taken in were $13,251. There were 8 new homes constructed.

The other work consisted of renovations, barns, sheds, additions, re-roofing, replacement windows and siding.

It remains my pleasure to serve you as Building Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hawkins

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

The Zoning Board acted on several special permits and/or variances and granted the following:

1) Motor vehicle garage
1) Variance to build close to property line
1) Variance to build on an undersized lot
1) Use of accessory building as a dwelling until new dwelling is built

A hearing was started on proposed changes to the Sandri gas station on Main Street. A review of a permit granted in 1997 for a truck garage on Warwick Avenue was conducted due to an appeal filed by an abutter.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward D. Shearer, Chairman — Marguerite Lentz, Assoc.Mbr.
Raymond Clark — Thomas J. Russell, “ “
Stanley Gaida — John Nelson, “ “
Robert G. Barnes
William Forrest

NORTHFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL
1998 Annual Report

Each year, the Northfield Cultural Council, part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), provides a means for stimulating the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in our community. The Council is responsible for allocating resources received from the MCC to applicants, using the following criteria in evaluating grant proposals:

- Benefit to the community as a whole
- Access
- Educational opportunities
- Diversity in the arts

Along with criteria defined by the MCC, other specific points considered by this Council include the quality and completeness of the project description; previous accomplishments of the applicant or group; demonstrated financial need; and the potential interest of the community in the project.

MCC Grant Applications, made available in September, are distributed to local libraries, schools and Town Halls. Local Cultural Councils receive these applications by a mid-October deadline and meet to review the applications and make recommendations to the MCC for that year's funding.

As of October, 1998, the Northfield Cultural Council anticipated a carryover balance of $830.50. The amount of $3,300.00 will be coming from the MCC for this year's Council's funding. With $125.50 earmarked for expenses, the available total remaining for disbursal will be $4,005.00.

At its meeting October 21, 1998, the Council voted to approve the following 11 projects for 1999:

1.	Northfield Elementary School/Fine Arts Center, Rhythm in Shoes (Pass Grant)	$540.00
2.	Shea Community Theater/Performance for Young People (subsidy)	$250.00
3.	John Porcino/Celebrations of Story & Song (funds two performances)	$480.00
4.	Bob Thomas/The Dancing Troll	$345.00
5.	Erica Fay/Waltzing Matilda	$300.00
6.	John F.Foster/Natural History hikes, M&M Trail (additional $200.00 to be donated by Sisson Engineering)	$400.00
7.	Davis Batees/Celebrating New England	$300.00
8.	John Root/Intergenerational Concert (for Senior Center)	$300.00
9.	Art Bank/Scholarship Program (subsidy)	$200.00
10.	Mohawk Trail Concerts/Summer Classical Music Concert Series (subsidy)	$300.00
11.	Shea Swing Orchestra/2-hour Concert or Swing Dance	$590.00
TOTAL:		$ 4,005.00

Performers who received approval will be asked to notify the Council of when their performance will take place. This request will be made in the first round of approval letters.

Periodically, the Northfield Cultural Council holds a community meeting in order to gather input toward our goals, to gauge the success of funded programs, and to provide information to prospective applicants. The meeting is advertised in local newspapers and postings throughout town.

Members of the Northfield Cultural Council are appointed by the Selectboard, and up to 22 members may serve at one time. Although the community input meeting also provides a good opportunity for new and prospective Council members to discover what we're about, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Council's members, or the Selectboard, if you are interested in serving on the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Sisson, Chairperson
Judy Clark
Sharon Miller
Shauna Tillson-Griffin

Jack Nelson
Christine Harris
Anne Harlow

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
1998 Annual Report

During 1998 the Commission was active in several areas.

* Early in the year the Commission expressed its thanks to Rosa Johnston for her long and valuable service as a member.

* In an exchange of letters followed by a meeting with officials, the Commission took steps toward resolving the proposal previously submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission to list the Northfield campus of the Northfield Mount Hermon School in the National Register of Historic Places. The matter, however, remains unresolved.

* Collaborating in May with the Northfield Historical Society and the Northfield Mount Hermon School, the Commission participated in a Day of History devoted to D. L. Moody with special displays at the Northfield Historical Museum and tours of the Moody Birthplace on the School's nearby Northfield campus.

* In May and again in November, the Commission invited the Historical Commissions of neighboring towns to a joint meeting. Bernardston, Gill, and Vernon, Vermont, sent representatives to one or both meetings. Participants described their town's historical activities and projects. As a result of their joint meetings, the Northfield and Gill Historical Commissions are planning a project focused on the ferries joining their two towns in the previous century.

* The Commission reviewed the plans for renovating the Pioneer Regional School for historical impact and submitted a statement to the Planning Board regarding the site plan review of the Sunoco station upgrade because the station lies within the Main Street National Register Historic district.

* As part of the Planning Board's Northfield Futures study project, the Commission's chair heads the project's Historical and Cultural subcommittee, on which present and former Commission members participate.

Members of the Northfield Historical
Commission for 1998 included:

Alice Fortier
Jean Kozlowski
Homer Stavely, Ch.
Joanne Havens
Ted Powell
Katy Wolff

NORTHFIELD COUNCIL on AGING REPORT

Activity at the Northfield Senior Center is busy with foot clinics, blood pressure, flu and a health fair available to all.

A.A.R.P. has had informational programs about safe driving and a tax preparer to help with tax returns at no cost to seniors, fire prevention, programs about scams and safety in the home, health information and referrals, banking options and exercise sessions are some of the programs held at the center. Fun programs with music, Old Stuff, bingo, weaving demonstration, how crystals affect your life, intergenerational programs, dinners out on the town, Pioneer Valley Regional High School Thanksgiving dinner, pot luck, picnics, and Church as a group rotating between churches of Bernardston and Northfield.

A volunteer organizes trips to interesting places. Sign-ups welcome.

Congregate meals are served at the Senior Center on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays to seniors and their guests. Two thousand people were served with 8,065 hot meals delivered to shut-ins in both Bernardston and Northfield. This service is of great value, helping seniors remain in their homes. Martha Jane Shaw is the nutrition manager.

There is a van available to transport seniors to the center, doctor and hair appointments, food shopping and more. An advance call is necessary to insure available space, 834-4084.

I remain on the Board dealing with legislative issues of Massachusetts Council on Aging, also Western Mass. Councils on Aging. The meetings keep me informed on what is new in the system on state-wide and local issues.

Thank you to the Selectmen and residents for their support to the Senior Center.

Information and meal reservations can be made at either Northfield, 498-2186 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; or Bernardston, 648-9616 on Wednesday or Friday. You are welcome to attend either center.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Balzarini, Director

Mary Jane Porter, Chair
Raymond Parenteau, Treasurer
Helen U. Greene, Secretary
Betty Nelson

Eileen Gorzocoski
Cora Mae Rusk
Gerald Tessier
Mary Ann Wozniak

DOG OFFICERS REPORT

Report for 1998:

Dogs destroyed	0
Loose dogs taken to kennel or returned to owner	25
Nuisance dogs	20
Dogs reported missing	13
Dogs reported & kept by the finder	0
Dogs running deer	4
Dogs killed by cars	1
Dogs hit by car & taken to Vet or returned to owner	0
Missing Cats	4

Our full year as dog officers has gone fairly well with minimal complaints. Please be advised there is year-round leash law and dogs should be licensed and tagged.

Our thanks to the Dakin Animal Shelter and to the adopters of the dogs we have had to place.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly Severance and Kevin Gray
Dog Officers

Annual Report of the CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable Television Advisory Committee has had a busy year. Projects for the committee have included the addition of playback equipment, the installation of new switching capability for live broadcasts in Town Hall, and the basic leg work to form the foundation on which our new “sister” committee, the Cable Television Renegotiating Committee, was formed.

The volunteers of Northfield Community Television deserve a great deal of credit for the work that the Advisory Committee is often credited. It is these people who routinely rush from one meeting to another, camcorder and tripod in hand, to try and cover as much of the community as possible. Additional volunteers are desperately needed.

1998 purchases from the revolving fund (which is funded from franchise fees of approximately $425 per year paid by MediaOne) include: a VCR and 13” television, 2 multi-output video switches, 3 microphones, video tape, and misc. cables and supplies. The balance in our revolving fund as of Dec. 31, 1998 was $268.89.

Residents interested in working with video production for various municipal meetings or public access programs at Northfield Community Television should contact Judy Radebaugh, Station Manager, or Eileen Dowd, Program Coordinator, through Town Hall. Training is provided free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Brault, Chairperson

Report of the
CABLE TELEVISION RENEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

The Cable Television Renegotiating Committee formed in the fall of 1998 to begin preparations for Cable TV contract renewal negotiations with MediaOne, the town's only cable provider.

Over the coming three years, the town will survey residents and groups to determine future Cable TV needs and pursue negotiation of a ten-year contract with MediaOne that would best meet those needs.

Residents with input regarding this process should address all statements in writing to the Cable Television Renegotiating Committee, c/o Town Hall. At least one public hearing will also be scheduled to solicit public comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Brault, Chairperson

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

The Honor Roll Committee is a seven-member subcommittee of the Selectboard appointed in 1998. Our purpose is to study the possibility of erecting a monument to honor Northfield veterans. As you may know, Northfield recognizes veterans of the Civil War and WWI with plaques at the elementary school and the Town Hall. Until now there has been no firm plan to create a memorial to honor those who served in more recent conflicts. We propose a monument to be located on town-owned land to honor veterans of wars and conflicts from WWII to the present. Our committee has devoted much of 1998 to researching a suitable site for the monument. For a variety of reasons, including its central location, we have determined that the Town Hall provides the best location. With the assistance of administrative assistant Susan Draves we invited students from the Conway

School of Landscape Design to prepare sketches of the proposed site and monument. The students presented us with a portfolio of interesting designs that included plans for a small park. In the coming months we will continue to pursue an appropriate design. In addition we will research the monument's cost. As Commander of the Northfield VFW I began collecting names for the monument in 1997. I anticipate that all names will be collected by the fall of 1999. Our committee will present plans for the monument to the public and will solicit your support for its funding at the next annual town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Carpenter, Chair	Thadd Bistrek, Sec'y
Charles Field	James Field
Edward Doolittle	Donald Randall
Raymond Parenteau	Thomas Hurley

Report of the
PINE STREET SCHOOL BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE

The Pine Street School Building Study Committee was appointed by the Selectboard in August, 1998 "to research, review, and evaluate options for the Pine Street School Building and to report recommendations to the Selectboard by January 15, 1999". At its first meeting it elected Peter Pullen, Chairman, and Andrea Dale, Secretary. The Committee met bi-weekly reviewing the documentation from past studies of the school building, securing appraisals of the building and property, touring the building to examine present conditions, meetings with members of the Northfield Historical Society and their Community Subcommittee, the History and Culture Futures Subcommittee, meeting with representatives of the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority to tour again and to ascertain the availability of grant moneys.

Inasmuch as the Historical Society has occupied this building since 1942, it was difficult to separate the building issues from the use of this space for the last fifty years. The Historical Society seems to be in a transition period. They are trying to regain the momentum and interest that had resulted from a proposal with the Library Trustees to build an addition to the Library that would, in part, house their collection. This proposal did not win Town Meeting approval. Interest in the history and culture of Northfield has been strengthened recently through the subcommittee of the Northfield Futures group.

Several ideas emerged during the meetings concerning this building, ranging from selling the building and property to giving the same to the Historical Society. Much discussion centered on the possible uses of this building and the potential sources of funding for the necessary repairs. At this time final recommendations have not been forwarded to the Selectboard, but will undoubtedly include all or some of the following. That the Town retain the Pine Street School and invest a sum of money to improve the condition of the building. That the Town contract with a planning specialist to review how the Pine Street School could be useful as part of the Town's overall space needs: office space in the Town Hall, Police Dept. space, Senior Center, space for the Historical collection, Boy Scouts, Alexander Hall women's groups, etc. This Committee has neither the expertise, the budget, nor authority to complete such a task.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Pullen, Chair	Andrea Dale, Secretary
Eleanor Landis	Carolyn Spencer

Annual Report of the
TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

At the May 1998 Annual town Meeting, the Town voted "to form a committee to review and evaluate the current operation of Town government for possible changes that would increase the efficiency of and improve the operation of Town government, and to report their recommendations to the Selectboard prior to the closing of the Warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting". In August , 1998, the Selectboard appointed Mary Metcalf, Thomas Shearer, John Spanbauer, Lisa White and Carolyn Olsen to a committee to study the current operaiton of the Town government in accordance with the Town Meeting vote. A first meeting of the Committee was held on October 1, 1998 which was facilitated by Selectboard appointed liaison, Joanne McGee.

Some questions the Town government study committee have been encourage to consider are ways to improve the efficiency of Town government; if currently elected positions such as the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer should be made appointed positions, if the Selectboard should be increased from three to five members, and if term limits should be placed on appointed positions. The town government study has been gathering information from and collecting resource materials to study these questions.

In December, the Government Study Committee met with the Selectboard to make three short-term recommendations and to request an extension of the earlier proposed deadline to continue study and evaluation of current operation of government. The first recommendation was that the Town institute job descriptions for all professional positions, elected positions and all boards and committees that clarify roles and responsibilities of employees and officials and describe the relationships of key officials. The second short-term recommendation was that the Town assist the Committee in conducting a survey of opinions on current government operations involving department heads, key present and past elected and appointed officials, and the general public. The third short-term recommendation asked the Selectboard to support and lead efforts that continue and improve outreach to Northfield's citizens about the work of local government through publications and use of media including local newspapers, cable Television and the Northfield Community Newsletter.

How do you feel about how your local government is working? The Town Government Study Committee wants to hear from you. Please take some time to consider the questions the government study committee is evaluating. Responses should be addressed to the Town Government Study Committee, Town of Northfield, 69 Main St. – Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa White, Chair	John Spanbauer
Mary Metcalf	Carolyn Olsen
Thomas Shearer	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED W. WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 1998/99 were $171,277.87 (plus $16,586 unused scholarship money from 996/97) which were allocated to three specific areas: Education, Health and Agriculture.

Education: The Trustees received 262 applications for scholarships and approved 241 students to receive $168,800. This amount includes the two $1,000 Wells Scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

Health: Two (2) health programs were approved. The following received funds Totaling $10,500.00:

Partners Anonymous in Greenfield	$500.00
NELCWITT	$10,000.00

Agriculture: An amount of $8,563.87 was allocated by the Board of Trustees for Payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	$ 5,263.87
Heath Agricultural Fair	3,000.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	300.00

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore G. Penick, Trustee

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS				
Cash & Investments				
Gfld Co-op Bank- Checking			805,846	
Tax Collector Checking			200	
MMDT-Combined Investment			9,267	
State St- Oth S/T Inv			222,016	
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds			(58,255)	979,074
Accounts Receivable				
Personal Property Taxes				
	1990	40		
	1991	43		
	1992	34		
	1993	37		
	1994	38		
	1995	151		
	1996	207		
	1997	226		
	1998	568	1,344	
Real Estate Taxes				
	1996	197		
	1997	27,798		
	1998	78,196		
	1999	(1,521)	104,670	
Allowance for Abate & Exempt				
	1989	(1,042)		
	1990	(493)		
	1991	(13,941)		
	1992	(3,870)		
	1993	(10,335)		
	1994	(14,040)		
	1995	(4,553)		
	1996	(11,036)		
	1997	(11,371)		
	1998	(12,179)	(82,860)	
Tax Liens			38,810	
Motor Vehicle Excise			39,933	
Boat Excise			80	
Farm Animal Excise			611	102,588
Sewer Use	1997		1,997	
	1998		(795)	1,202
Sewer Liens			791	791
Due from Other Funds				
Due from Town Grants Fund			137,915	137,915
Other Assets				
Prepaid Expenses				71
Tax Foreclosures				1,370
				1,223,011
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Warrants Payable		104,962
Accounts Payable		3.896
Accrued Payrolls Payable		5,210
Fees Payable		596
Payroll Withholdings		4,598
Other Liabilities		
Due to Cty/Dog Lic	51	
Unclaimed Checks	2,469	
Bid Bonds	300	
Performance Bonds	2,000	4,820
Deferred Revenue		
Property Taxes 1989	(1,042)	
Property Taxes 1990	(453)	
Property Taxes 1991	(13,898)	
Property Taxes 1992	(3,836)	
Property Taxes 1993	(10,298)	
Property Taxes 1994	(14,002)	
Property Taxes 1995	(4,402)	
Property Taxes 1996	(10,632)	
Property Taxes 1997	16,653	
Property Taxes 1998	66,586	
Property Taxes 1999	(1,521)	
Tax Liens	38,810	
Tax Foreclosures	1,370	
Motor Vehicle Excise	39,933	
Boat Excise	80	
Farm Animal Excise	611	
Sewer Use	1,202	
Sewer Liens	791	105,952
Fund Balance		
Res-Debt Excl Ammort	60,814	
Res-Continuing Approps	200,212	
Res-Over/Under Assessmt	(900)	
Res-Expenditures	90,000	
Unreserved	642,851	992,977
		1,223,011
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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(12,539)		Deferred Revenue		714,965	
Due from Comm of Mass	714,965		Fund Bal-Ch204	7		
			Fund Bal-Ch85A	(7)		
			Fund Bal-Ch85B	(12,539)	(12,539)	
		702,426				702,426
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TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Arts Council Savings	4,032		Warrants Payable		0	
EOCD Invstmnt Act	203,447		Accounts Payable		1,416	
Cash-due from Genl Fund	2,329		Accrued Payrolls Payable		1,307	
			Due to General Fund		137,915	
			Fund Balances			
			Arts Council	2,616		
			EOCD 9 Town	45,742		
			Regl Pol Study	1,000		
			DARE	2,090		
			Cmty Police	11,095		
			Cops Fast	(9,645)		
			Cops More	(1,321)		
			COA	1,111		
			Library LIG/MEG	6,994		
			Title V Septic	9,488		
		209,808			69,170	209,808
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RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Cash-Due from General Fund	52,208		Fund Balances		
			Road Mach Earnings	5,893	
			Sale of Real Estate	5,569	
			Sale Low Value Land	98	
			Sale of Cem Lots	34,334	
			County Dog Fund	2,964	
		52,208	Conserv Wtlnds Fees	3,350	52,208
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REVOLVING FUNDS AND GIFTS

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Recreation Checking	4,116		Warrants Payable		140	
Ladder Fund Savings	5,210		Accounts Payable		477	
Library Bldg Fund	108		Unclaimed Cks- Rec Revolv		40	
D. Bennett-Fee Acct	893		Fund Balances			
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	13,487		Rec Revolv	3,494		
			Ladder Gifts	5,210		
			Police Gifts	1,049		
			DARE Donations	68		
			Childrens Book Gift	907		
			Historical Comm Gi	57		
			Historical Bldg Rest	44		
			Maint Cem Markers	580		
			Library Bldg Gift	108		
			Library Gifts	1,111		
			Library Centennial	70		
			Generator Gift	770		
			Bennett-BOH	774		
			Bennett-Plan Bd	119		
			Cable TV Revolv	334		
			EMT Gifts	20		
			COA Gifts	3,434		
			NHM Emerg Serv	5,000		
		23,814	Drug Forfeiture	8	23,157	23,814
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INFIL/INFLOW SEWER

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Cash-Due from General Fund	37		Warrants Payable	0	
Due from Stabilization Fund	1,802	1,839	Fund Balance	1,839	1,839
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TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		
M Alexander-Checking	1,890	
M Alexander-CDs	73,942	
P. Bowman-Invest. Acct	78,909	
Trust Funds- Invest. Acct	195,852	
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	2,733	353,326
		353,326
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Accounts Payable		100	
Fund Balances- Non Expendable			
PC Center Cem	15,638		
Belcher Cem	2,000		
J Cowles Cem	2,000		
C Stearns Cem	500		
F Lane Cem	202		
PC West Nfld Cem	4,677		
Priest, et ux Cem	7,292		
L Holton Cem	101		
PC Nlfd Farms	7,727		
PC Mt Hermon Cem	4,850		
M Callander Cem	500		
PC Pentecost Cem	2,475		
PC So. Mtn. Cem	100		
Bowman Library	78,193		
Belcher Library	9,739		
C Dickinson Library	3,000		
M Montague Library	2,010		
DAR Book Fund	100		
Holton Library	500		
McGowan Library	7,733		
Charity- Various	21,450		
Surplus Rev- Schoo	1,600		
Belcher Ctr. School	2,000	174,387	
Fund Balances-Expendable			
PC Center Cem	15,354		
PC West Nfld Cem	4,265		
PC Nlfd Farms	5,054		
PC Mt Hermon Cem	4,535		
PC Pentecost Cem	241		
PC So. Mtn. Cem	32		
Bowman Library	(220)		
Belcher Library	2,584		
C Dickinson Library	1,109		
M Montague Library	2,388		
DAR Book Fund	157		
Holton Library	462		
Merriman Library	1,229		
E Jackson Library	1,053		
M Stanley Library	687		
R Giles Library	2,326		
McGowan Library	395		
M Alexander Charit	68,882		
L Evans Charity	5,910		
G Morgan Charity	11,464		
R Evans Charity	2,290		
M Starkweather Cha	31,587		
E Alexander Charity	10,175		
Surplus Rev- Schoo	578		
Belcher Ctr. School	2,348		
E Jackson- Town	1,635		
W Parker-Mnt Mrkr	1,571		
Tercentenary Comm	748	178,839	353,326
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STABILIZATION FUND

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
MMDT Investment Acct	186,634		Due to I/I Sewer Project	1,802	
		186,634	Fund Balance	184,832	186,634
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AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash-Due from General Fund	0	Police Outside Detail Payable	0
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GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
		Bonds-Issued 7/92 School	2,050,000	
		Bonds-Issued 7/92 Sewer	250,000	
Amts to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	2,847,962	Bonds-Issued 7/93 Sewer	547,962	2,847,962
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL ACCOUNT TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Total (Memorandum)
Revenues					
Taxes	2,853,505	0	0	0	2,853,505
Charges for Services	152,759	23,787	0	0	176,546
Licenses & Permits	26,000	429	0	0	26,429
Fines & Forfeitures	23,877	0	0	0	23,877
Other Deptmntal Revenue	0	4,313	0	0	4,313
Revenue from the State	522,346	260,876	0	0	783,222
Other Intergovmtal Revenue	5,272	10,504	0	0	15,776
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,078	1,136	0	0	7,214
Interest on Investments	28,810	11,081	0	20,933	60,824
Contributions & Donations	0	11,114	0	1,050	12,164
Total Revenues	3,618,647	323,240	0	21,983	3,963,870
Expenditures					
General Government	187,370	938	0	0	188,308
Public Safety	288,939	84,579	0	0	373,518
Education	1,693,341	0	0	0	1,693,341
Public Works & Facilities	619,520	121,768	0	6,104	747,392
Health & Human Services	20,418	18,217	0	695	39,330
Culture & Recreation	76,739	42,931	0	7,825	127,495
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Principal	221,571	0	0	0	221,571
Debt Interest	167,015	0	0	0	167,015
Temporary Loan Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovmtal Assessments	30,540	0	0	0	30,540
Insurance & Empl Benefits	135,194	0	0	0	135,194
Total Expenditures	3,440,647	268,433	0	14,624	3,723,704
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	178,000	54,807	0	7,359	240,166
Other financing sources (uses)		0	0	0	0
Transfers from other Funds	197,978	7,644	0	136,500	342,122
Transfers to other Funds	(136,500)	(147,979)	0	(50,000)	(334,479)
Proceeds from Bond Issue	0	0	0	0	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	61,478	(140,335)	0	86,500	7,643
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	239,478	(85,528)	0	93,859	247,809
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	753,499	217,525	1,839	444,198	1,417,061
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	992,977	131,997	1,839	538,057	1,664,870

COMBINING STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	Ch 90 Hwy Imprvmnt	COPS Fast	COPS More	Library Hlth Info	State aid to Library	Arts Council
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue						
Revenue from the State	187,546				3,131	3,150
Other Intergovmtal Revenue		8,537	500			
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments						62
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	187,546	8,537	500	0	3,131	3,212
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety		32,575	3,765			
Education						
Public Works & Facilities	120,632					
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation				4,444	4,263	5,036
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	120,632	32,575	3,765	4,444	4,263	5,036
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	66,914	(24,038)	(3,265)	(4,444)	(1,132)	(1,824)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds		7,644				
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	7,644	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	66,914	(16,394)	(3,265)	(4,444)	(1,132)	(1,824)
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	(79,452)	6,749	1,944	4,444	8,126	4,439
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	(12,538)	(9,645)	(1,321)	0	6,994	2,615

	Elderly Programs	EOCD Hsg Rehab Rets	EOCD Small Town	EOCD Peer-Peer	Title V Septic	Pol Regliz Study
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue						
Revenue from the State	2,160		13,554	818		
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments		10,824				
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	2,160	10,824	13,554	818	0	0
Expenditures						
General Government				818		
Public Safety						
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services	3,262		13,554		1,401	
Culture & Recreation						
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	3,262	0	13,554	818	1,401	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,102)	10,824	0	0	(1,401)	0
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds		(145,715)				
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	(145,715)	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(1,102)	(134,891)	0	0	(1,401)	0
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	2,213	180,633	0	0	10,888	1,000
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	1,111	45,742	0	0	9,487	1,000

	DARE Grants	Community Policing	Law Enfmnt Block Grant	FCHHC	County Dog Fund	Sale of R.E.
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue						
Revenue from the State	8,000	42,125	392			
Other Intergovmtal Revenue				350	1,117	
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments						
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	8,000	42,125	392	350	1,117	0
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety	5,910	31,054				
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation						
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	5,910	31,054	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,090	11,071	392	350	1,117	0
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	2,090	11,071	392	350	1,117	0
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	0	24	(392)	(350)	1,846	5,569
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	2,090	11,095	0	0	2,963	5,569

	Sale of Cem Lots	Conserv Fees	Machine Earnings	Sale Low Val Land	Rec Revolving	Plan Bd Revolving
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services					23,787	
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue	1,950	40	682			315
Revenue from the State						
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments					43	
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	1,950	40	682	0	23,830	315
Expenditures						
General Government						120
Public Safety						
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation					26,729	
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0	26,729	120
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,950	40	682	0	(2,899)	195
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						(1,412)
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	(1,412)
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	1,950	40	682	0	(2,899)	(1,217)
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	32,384	3,311	5,211	98	6,393	1,217
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	34,334	3,351	5,893	98	3,494	0

	Library Fines	Cable TV Revolving	Bennett BOH &PlanBd	Pol Dpt Gifts	DARE Prog Donations
Revenues					
Taxes					
Charges for Services					
Licenses & Permits		429			
Fines & Forfeitures					
Other Deptmntal Revenue	1,326				
Revenue from the State					
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					
Miscellaneous Revenue					
Interest on Investments			20		
Contributions & Donations				2,037	68
Total Revenues	1,326	429	20	2,037	68
Expenditures					
General Government					
Public Safety				1,130	
Education					
Public Works & Facilities					
Health & Human Services					
Culture & Recreation	1,189	654			
Capital Outlay					
Debt Principal					
Debt Interest					
Temporary Loan Interest					
Intergovmtal Assessments					
Insurance & Empl Benefits					
Total Expenditures	1,189	654	0	1,130	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	137	(225)	20	907	68
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds					
Transfers to other Funds	(852)				
Proceeds from Bond Issue					
Total other financing sources (uses)	(852)	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(715)	(225)	20	907	68
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	715	560	873	142	0
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	0	335	893	1,049	68

	Ladder Fnd Donations	C.O.A. Gifts	Vt Yankee Generator	Library Gifts	Childrens Book Fund	D. Library Bldg Fund
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue						
Revenue from the State						
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments	131					1
Contributions & Donations		3,434		575		
Total Revenues	131	3,434	0	575	0	1
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety	859		46			
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation				616		
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	859	0	46	616	0	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(728)	3,434	(46)	(41)	0	1
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(728)	3,434	(46)	(41)	0	1
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	5,938	0	816	1,152	907	108
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	5,210	3,434	770	1,111	907	109

	Library Centennial	Historic Comm Gift	Drug Forfeiture	NMH Emerg Serv Gift	EMT Gifts
Revenues					
Taxes					
Charges for Services					
Licenses & Permits					
Fines & Forfeitures					
Other Deptmntal Revenue					
Revenue from the State					
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					
Miscellaneous Revenue					
Interest on Investments					
Contributions & Donations				5,000	
Total Revenues	0	0	0	5,000	0
Expenditures					
General Government					
Public Safety				9,240	
Education					
Public Works & Facilities					
Health & Human Services					
Culture & Recreation					
Capital Outlay					
Debt Principal					
Debt Interest					
Temporary Loan Interest					
Intergovmtal Assessments					
Insurance & Empl Benefits					
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	9,240	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0	0	(4,240)	0
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds					
Transfers to other Funds					
Proceeds from Bond Issue					
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	0	0	0	(4,240)	0
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	70	57	8	9,240	20
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	70	57	8	5,000	20

	Gft Maint Cem Mrkrs	Hist Soc Restit	Insurance Settlements	Grand Total Special Revenue
Revenues				
Taxes				0
Charges for Services				23,787
Licenses & Permits				429
Fines & Forfeitures				0
Other Deptmntal Revenue				4,313
Revenue from the State				260,876
Other Intergovmtal Revenue				10,504
Miscellaneous Revenue			1,136	1,136
Interest on Investments				11,081
Contributions & Donations				11,114
Total Revenues	0	0	1,136	323,240
Expenditures				
General Government				938
Public Safety				84,579
Education				0
Public Works & Facilities			1,136	121,768
Health & Human Services				18,217
Culture & Recreation				42,931
Capital Outlay				0
Debt Principal				0
Debt Interest				0
Temporary Loan Interest				0
Intergovmtal Assessments				0
Insurance & Empl Benefits				0
Total Expenditures	0	0	1,136	268,433
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0	0	54,807
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers from other Funds				7,644
Transfers to other Funds				(147,979)
Proceeds from Bond Issue				0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	(140,335)
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	0	0	0	(85,528)
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	580	44	0	217,525
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	580	44	0	131,997

COMBINING STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	Infil/Inflow Sewer	Grand Total Capital Projects
Revenues		
Taxes		0
Charges for Services		0
Licenses & Permits		0
Fines & Forfeitures		0
Other Deptmntal Revenue		0
Revenue from the State		0
Other Intergovmtal Revenue		0
Miscellaneous Revenue		0
Interest on Investments		0
Contributions & Donations		0
Total Revenues	0	0
Expenditures		
General Government		0
Public Safety		0
Education		0
Public Works & Facilities		0
Health & Human Services		0
Culture & Recreation		0
Capital Outlay		0
Debt Principal		0
Debt Interest		0
Temporary Loan Interest		0
Intergovmtal Assessments		0
Insurance & Empl Benefits		0
Total Expenditures	0	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0
Other financing sources (uses)		0
Transfers from other Funds		0
Transfers to other Funds		0
Proceeds from Bond Issue		0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	0	0
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	1,839	1,839
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	1,839	1,839

COMBINING STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	Cemetery P C Funds	Library Trust Funds	Other Trust Funds	Stabiliz Fund	Grand Total Trust Funds
Revenues					
Taxes					0
Charges for Services					0
Licenses & Permits					0
Fines & Forfeitures					0
Other Deptmntal Revenue					0
Revenue from the State					0
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					0
Miscellaneous Revenue					0
Interest on Investments	3,222	5,072	7,312	5,327	20,933
Contributions & Donations	750	300			1,050
Total Revenues	3,972	5,372	7,312	5,327	21,983
Expenditures					
General Government					0
Public Safety					0
Education					0
Public Works & Facilities	6,104				6,104
Health & Human Services			695		695
Culture & Recreation		7,825			7,825
Capital Outlay					0
Debt Principal					0
Debt Interest					0
Temporary Loan Interest					0
Intergovmtal Assessments					0
Insurance & Empl Benefits					0
Total Expenditures	6,104	7,825	695	0	14,624
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,132)	(2,453)	6,617	5,327	7,359
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds				136,500	136,500
Transfers to other Funds				(50,000)	(50,000)
Proceeds from Bond Issue					0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	86,500	86,500
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(2,132)	(2,453)	6,617	91,827	93,859
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	79,675	115,898	155,621	93,004	444,198
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	77,543	113,445	162,238	184,831	538,057

DETAIL REVENUE REPORT- GENERAL FUND

July 1, 1997- June 30, 1998

Taxes		
Personal Property Taxes	271,718	
Real Estate Taxes	2,334,975	
Tax Liens Redeemed	13,368	
Ch 61 & 61A Special Assessments	0	
Motor Vehicle Excise	215,647	
Boat Excise	681	
Farm Animal Excise	0	
Classified Forest Lands Excise	3,992	
Penalty & Int, Prop Taxes	9,659	
Penalty & Int, Excise Taxes	1,130	
Penalty & Int, Tax Liens Redempt	1,549	
Penalty & Int, Sewer Use Tax	786	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0	2,853,505
Charges for Services		
Sewer Use	124,909	
Sewer Dumping Fees	0	
Sewer Permanent Priviledge	0	
Transfer Station	19,545	
Use of Copy Machine	361	
Use of Fax Machine-Library	248	
Street Lists, Bylaws, Maps	649	
Accident Reports	220	
RMV Non-Renewal Fees	1,200	
Building Inspection Fees	1,541	
Fire Department Inspections	840	
Admin Fee-Health/Life Ins	354	
Admin Fee-Police Outside Detail	667	
Board of Appeals Fees	400	
Planning Board Fees	45	
Certificate Filing-Tax Liens	68	
Assessors Filing Fees	0	
Town Hall Rent	1,655	
Nurses Fees	57	152,759
Licenses & Permits		
Alcoholic Bev Licenses	1,615	
Other Licenses	900	
Other Misc Permits	0	
F.I.D. Cards	34	
Pistol Permits	840	
Building Permits	12,501	
Wiring Permits	3,900	
Gas Permits	384	
Plumbing Permits	2,351	
Disposal & Septic Permits	2,775	
Other Bd of Health Permits	700	26,000

Fines & Forfeitures			
Registry Motor Veh- CMVI Fines	23,445		
Non-criminal Dispositions	50		
Library Fines	127		
Dog Fines	30		
False Alarms	200		
By-law Violation Fines	25	23,877	
State Revenue			
Expanded Polling Hours	0		
State Owned Land	20,621		
Abatements- Veterans	2,900		
Abatements- Blind	438		
Abatements- Elderly	8,534		
School Construction Aid	181,855		
Veterans Benefits	0		
Lottery, Beano & Charity	226,936		
Highway Fund- Ch81	62,306		
Other Revenue from State	475		
Sewer Rate Relief	18,281	522,346	
Other Intergovernmental Revenue			
Court Fines	2,455		
County BC/BS Reimbursement	2,817	5,272	
Miscellaneous Revenues & Interest			
MRF Recycling Reimb.	2,447		
Other Misc Revenue	3,631		
Interest on Investments	28,810	34,888	
TOTAL REVENUES			3,618,647
Other Financing Sources			
Trsf from EOCD Fund	145,715		
Trsf from Other Special Revenue Funds	2,263		
Trsf from Stabilization Fund	50,000		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			197,978

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJ/TRSFS	SPENT	BALANCE TO CLOSE	BALANCE TO FY 99
MODERATOR SALARY	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
MODERATOR EXPENSE	80.00		50.00	30.00	0.00
SELECTMEN SALARIES	3955.00		3955.00	0.00	0.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	32030.00		32029.92	0.08	0.00
SECRETARY SALARY	22683.00		22682.92	0.08	0.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	5970.00		5738.94	231.06	0.00
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	315.00		304.09	10.91	0.00
RESERVE FUND	10000.00	-8852.25	0.00	1147.75	0.00
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	15121.00		15120.96	0.04	0.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	335.00		113.57	221.43	0.00
ASSESSORS SALARIES	4437.00		4437.00	0.00	0.00
ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY	14560.00		14559.84	0.16	0.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	6550.00		6404.71	145.29	0.00
PRESERVE ASSESS RECORDS	1000.00		0.00	0.00	1000.00
ASSESSORS DIGITAL MAPS	3150.00		0.00	0.00	3150.00
REVALUATION	1688.56		0.00	1688.56	0.00
REVALUATION FY 98	250.00		250.00	0.00	0.00
TREASURER SALARY	7996.00		7995.96	0.04	0.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	3800.00		3334.42	465.58	0.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	5606.00		5605.92	0.08	0.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	7000.00		6111.07	888.93	0.00
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL	20000.00		5190.87	14809.13	0.00
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SERVICE	4500.00		2338.62	2161.38	0.00
COMPUTERS & SOFTWARE	1951.43		0.00	1951.43	0.00
UPGRADE COMPUTERS	2050.01		0.00	0.00	2050.01
COMPUTERS 5/98	0.00	34815.00	17800.00	0.00	17015.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	2800.00		306.49	2493.51	0.00
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/SERVICE	2000.00		1014.56	985.44	0.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	5157.00		5157.00	0.00	0.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	550.00	2.78	552.78	0.00	0.00
TOWN CLERK RECORDS	2005.00		0.00	0.00	2005.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	4000.00	899.88	4899.88	0.00	0.00
CONSERV COMMISSION	560.00		214.76	345.24	0.00
PLANNING BOARD	480.00		69.45	410.55	0.00
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	275.00		253.91	21.09	0.00
LAND DAMAGES	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
MASS A.P.R. PROGRAM	15000.00		0.00	0.00	15000.00
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN	6674.00		6471.36	202.64	0.00
TOWN HALL MAINT	14450.00		11990.80	2459.20	0.00
TOWN BLDG STUDY COMM	38.67		0.00	38.67	0.00
TOWN HALL WIRING	4701.72		434.00	0.00	4267.72
TOWN HALL SEAL WALL	4800.00		0.00	0.00	4800.00
TOWN HALL ROOF STM 6/97	2000.00		0.00	0.00	2000.00
TOWN HALL CODE VIOLATIONS	0.00	2800.00	750.00	0.00	2050.00
TOWN HALL LTG FIXTURES	0.00	5000.00	0.00	0.00	5000.00
TOWN REPORTS	1500.00		1230.75	269.25	0.00
TOWN CLOCK	150.00		0.00	150.00	0.00
POLICE WAGES & SALARIES	97127.00		94468.65	2658.35	0.00
POLICE OPER EXPENSE	17150.00		16927.47	222.53	0.00
POLICE CRUISER	25000.00		22801.20	2198.80	0.00
POLICE STATION	0.00	105000.00	0.00	0.00	105000.00
FIRE DEPT SALARIES	2628.00		2628.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE DEPT WAGES	14376.00		13478.44	897.56	0.00
FIRE DEPT OPER EXP	8000.00		7752.51	247.49	0.00
HOSE & EQUIPMENT	6500.00		6494.53	5.47	0.00
INSPECTION FEES	1400.00		1208.00	192.00	0.00
HYDRANTS	2500.00		2500.00	0.00	0.00
MAINT FIRE STATION	6700.00		6613.80	86.20	0.00
FIRE PONDS/WATERHOLES	1600.00		1580.00	20.00	0.00
FIRE DEPT PUMP MOUNT	342.09		342.09	0.00	0.00
LADDER TRUCK	25000.00	50000.00	74999.84	0.16	0.00
REPAIR/PAINT FIRE STATION	2000.00		0.00	0.00	2000.00
FIRE DEPT BILL OF PR YR	60.00		60.00	0.00	0.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJ/TRSFS	SPENT	BALANCE TO CLOSE	BALANCE TO FY 99
EMT WAGES & SALARIES	4408.00		3245.62	1162.38	0.00
EMT EXPENSES	2845.00	2400.00	5019.63	225.37	0.00
EMT TRAINING	1550.00		60.00	0.00	1490.00
EMT BILL-PR YR	0.00	65.00	65.00	0.00	0.00
EMT RADIO	317.00		0.00	0.00	317.00
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	10374.00		10374.00	0.00	0.00
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	1845.00		850.83	994.17	0.00
WIRE INSPECTOR PROGRAM	8178.00		8177.16	0.84	0.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	500.00		468.90	31.10	0.00
DOG OFFICER SALARY	2136.00		2136.00	0.00	0.00
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1300.00		790.28	509.72	0.00
TREE DEPT WAGES & EXPENSE	5000.00		4162.51	837.49	0.00
CONSTABLES WAGES	463.00		395.61	67.39	0.00
CONSTABLES EXPENSE	30.00		0.00	30.00	0.00
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
HEPATITIS SHOTS	2115.50		234.00	0.00	1881.50
RABIES SHOTS	1700.00		1105.00	0.00	595.00
ELEM CMPTR SFTWRE/SUPPORT	141.53		0.00	0.00	141.53
PIONEER VALLEY REG SCH	1531812.00	44348.82	1576160.82	0.00	0.00
PVRS CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	26255.94		26255.94	0.00	0.00
PVRS-TEACHERS SAL DEFERRAL	4536.47		4536.47	0.00	0.00
PVRS-FIRE DETECT SYSTEM	0.00	5348.75	5348.75	0.00	0.00
PVRS-MODULAR CLASSROOMS	14976.50		14976.50	0.00	0.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL	66063.00		66063.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY SUPT EXPENSE	1200.00		844.14	355.86	0.00
HIGHWAY DEPT WAGES	160225.00	3377.55	163602.55	0.00	0.00
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	80000.00		67606.26	12393.74	0.00
OILING & STONING	60000.00		58606.69	1393.31	0.00
HIGHWAY TOOLS	1000.00		847.09	152.91	0.00
SIDEWALKS	568.95		0.00	0.00	568.95
REPAIR BRIDGES	3615.36		0.00	0.00	3615.36
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	50000.00		38414.40	11585.60	0.00
STREET LIGHTS	13150.00		12187.84	962.16	0.00
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	62000.00		52253.73	9746.27	0.00
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE	4000.00		2803.55	1196.45	0.00
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEY,LISTS	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
HWY DEPT TRUCK	37000.00		36640.00	360.00	0.00
PURCH EQUIP-HWY DEPT	10811.00		0.00	0.00	10811.00
SURVEY BOUNDS TOWN WAYS	1500.00		0.00	0.00	1500.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	5043.00		5043.00	0.00	0.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	93125.00		72818.19	20306.81	0.00
SEWER COMM SALARIES	999.00		999.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER DEPT WAGES	40670.00		40179.77	490.23	0.00
SEWER DEPT COLLECTOR	492.00		492.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER COMM EXPENSE	67.00		0.00	67.00	0.00
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	58071.00		58054.41	16.59	0.00
SEWER-DICKINSON LIBRARY	2500.00		0.00	0.00	2500.00
SEWER SLUDGE PUMP	2617.00		0.00	0.00	2617.00
SEWER DEPT BILL-PR YR	0.00	290.30	290.30	0.00	0.00
WWTP SAFETY/LAB EQUIP	1129.65		192.50	0.00	937.15
WWTP COMPOSITE SAMPLERS	5000.00		0.00	0.00	5000.00
CEMETERY WAGES & EXP	1200.00		615.53	584.47	0.00
MAJOR IMPROV-CEMETERIES	7448.18		7029.19	0.00	418.99
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	1663.00		1638.19	24.81	0.00
SECRETARY-BD OF HEALTH	683.00		450.00	233.00	0.00
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FEES	2000.00		925.00	1075.00	0.00
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	2365.00	384.25	2749.25	0.00	0.00
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	4509.00		4509.00	0.00	0.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1800.00		1185.55	614.45	0.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	8961.00		8961.00	0.00	0.00
SOLDIERS RELIEF	2500.00		0.00	2500.00	0.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJ/TRSFS	SPENT	BALANCE TO CLOSE	BALANCE TO FY 99
DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	45828.00		45232.50	595.50	0.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP	17095.00	1085.00	18164.50	15.50	0.00
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	425.00		425.00	0.00	0.00
LIB COMPUTERIZATION	3000.00		2453.98	0.00	546.02
LIB ADDIT DESIGN	5900.00		5000.00	0.00	900.00
RECREATION COMM	3000.00		3000.00	0.00	0.00
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	1800.00		1005.00	795.00	0.00
HISTORICAL SOC BLDG	400.00		356.34	43.66	0.00
HIST SOC BLDG REPAIRS	1034.98		0.00	0.00	1034.98
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00		133.68	66.32	0.00
MEMORIAL DAY	1200.00		728.10	471.90	0.00
ALEXANDER HALL	340.00		240.00	100.00	0.00
MATURING DEBT- PRIN	221570.56		221570.56	0.00	0.00
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT	167015.44		167015.44	0.00	0.00
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT	3000.00		0.00	3000.00	0.00
STATE ASSESSMENTS	2489.00		3389.00	-900.00	0.00
COUNTY TAX	22385.00		21389.82	995.18	0.00
VETERANS DISTRICT	5761.00		5761.00	0.00	0.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	45349.20		45349.20	0.00	0.00
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	10000.00		4125.77	5874.23	0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	2250.00		599.81	1650.19	0.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	62196.00		51437.04	10758.96	0.00
LIFE INSURANCE	620.00		613.50	6.50	0.00
MEDICARE/FICA	10000.00		9365.45	634.55	0.00
OTHER INSURANCE	23000.00	702.79	23702.79	0.00	0.00
TRSF TO STABILIZATION	136500.00		136500.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	3659374.74	247667.87	3577146.71	129683.69	200212.21

DETAILED EXPENDITURES (SELECTED ACCOUNTS)

SELECTMEN EXPENSE		TOTAL SPENT
Telephone	1444.24	
Meetings & Seminars	106.00	
Advertising	278.09	
Postage	474.45	
Other Purchased Services	369.79	
Office Supplies	765.06	
Law Books	987.03	
Other Supplies	461.74	
Mileage	144.54	
Dues & Memberships	608.00	
Bonds	100.00	5738.94
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE		
Other Purchased Services	2.56	
Other Supplies	186.53	
Dues & Memberships	115.00	304.09
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE		
Telephone	17.21	
Meetings & Seminars	0.00	
Postage	10.32	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Office Supplies	46.04	
Dues & Memberships	40.00	113.57
ASSESSORS EXPENSE		
Telephone	4.46	
Bookbinding	428.86	
Mapping	795.00	
Meetings & Seminars	651.10	
Postage	315.41	
Other Purchased Services	895.79	
Registry of Deeds	202.25	
Computer support agreement	1500.00	
Office Supplies	292.17	
Other Supplies	812.98	
Mileage	426.69	
Dues & Memberships	80.00	6404.71
TREASURERS EXPENSE		
Telephone	7.47	
Postage	1042.64	
Other Purchased Services	243.50	
Bank Service Charges	680.08	
Office Supplies	1080.73	
Mileage	0.00	
Dues & Memberships	35.00	
Bonds	245.00	
Other Charges	0.00	3334.42

TAX COLLECTORS EXPENSE

Telephone	7.78	
Data Processing	3017.88	
Meetings & Seminars	0.00	
Postage	2233.71	
Bookbinding	0.00	
Office Supplies	510.70	
Dues & Memberships	35.00	
Bonds	306.00	6111.07

TOWN CLERK EXPENSE

Telephone	5.36	
Postage	76.60	
Other Purchased Services	48.00	
Office Supplies	282.82	
Other Supplies	0.00	
Dues & Memberships	40.00	
Bonds	100.00	552.78

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Telephone	0.00	
Meetings & Seminars	0.00	
Advertising	89.76	
Postage	0.00	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Other Supplies	0.00	
Mileage	0.00	
Dues & Memberships	125.00	214.76

PLANNING BOARD

Advertising	27.58	
Postage	21.39	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Office Supplies	20.48	69.45

ZONING/APPEALS BOARD

Telephone	0.00	
Advertising	189.12	
Postage	64.79	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Office Supplies	0.00	253.91

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Wages	125.00	
Electricity	3237.57	
Water	285.82	
Repairs & Maintenance	677.23	
Rubbish Removal	1498.98	
Other Purchased Services	479.00	
Fuel Oil	4215.61	
Propane Gas	644.33	
Supplies	827.26	11990.80

POLICE OPERATING EXPENSE

Telephone	428.44	
Cruiser Repair & Maint	4039.92	
Professional Training	169.00	
Meetings & Seminars	400.58	
Postage	212.46	
Other Purchased Services	1441.61	
Gasoline	4724.07	
Office Supplies	942.46	
Uniforms & Equipment	1687.24	
Other Supplies	2156.69	
Mileage	0.00	
Dues & Memberships	725.00	16927.47

FIRE DEPT OPERATING EXPENSE

Telephone	320.80	
Other Purchased Services	1331.30	
Gasoline	364.98	
Diesel	909.18	
Other Supplies	4699.05	
Dues & Memberships	115.00	
Other Charges	12.20	7752.51

MAINT FIRE STATION

Electricity	2833.54	
Water	424.98	
Other Purchased Services	213.96	
Fuel Oil	2334.16	
Other Supplies	807.16	6613.80

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	1817.85	
Professional Training	525.00	
Other Purchased Services	139.22	
Gasoline	118.14	
Office Supplies	71.09	
Medical Supplies	1931.81	
Other Supplies	151.52	
Dues & Memberships	80.00	
Other Charges	185.00	5019.63

BUILDING INSPECTOR EXPENSE

Telephone	0.00	
Meetings & Seminars	0.00	
Postage	16.95	
Other Purchased Services	244.50	
Office Supplies	0.00	
Mileage	589.38	
Dues & Memberships	0.00	850.83

HIGHWAY SUPT EXPENSE		
Telephone	286.74	
Postage	26.60	
Other Purchased Services	154.16	
Office Supplies	55.64	
Other Supplies	21.00	
Other Charges	300.00	844.14
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & RAILS		
Electricity	415.38	
Other Purchased Services	15644.75	
Materials & Supplies	51546.13	67606.26
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE		
Purchased Services	13274.73	
Gasoline	298.78	
Diesel	9796.31	
Parts & Supplies	28883.91	52253.73
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE		
Electricity	1978.04	
Repairs & Maintenance	509.28	
Fuel Oil	0.00	
Supplies	316.23	2803.55
WASTE DISPOSAL		
Wages	14421.11	
Electricity	1253.73	
Hazardous Waste Collection	1298.00	
Tipping Fees	33880.59	
Trucking Fees	20186.15	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Supplies	1778.61	72818.19
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT		
Electricity	10037.80	
Water	310.93	
Telephone	519.34	
Repairs & Maintenance	4174.72	
Professional & Techical	3180.00	
Lab Testing	875.00	
Meetings & Seminars	0.00	
Sludge Removal	12386.11	
Collection System O&M	3475.89	
Other Purchased Services	1648.36	
Supplies	18431.33	
Chemicals	2502.84	
Mileage	231.09	
Other Charges	281.00	58054.41

BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE

Telephone	102.41	
Postage	15.97	
Other Purchased Services	284.87	
Plumbing Inspection Fees	2296.00	
Office Supplies	0.00	
Other Supplies	0.00	
Dues & Memberships	50.00	2749.25

COUNCIL ON AGING

Meetings & Seminars	29.00	
Postage	102.63	
Purchased Services	44.31	
Director Salary	8096.32	
Supplies	688.74	
Dues & Memberships	0.00	
Other Charges	0.00	8961.00

DICKINSON LIBRARY EXPENSE

Electricity	2026.32	
Water	250.40	
Telephone	773.70	
Repairs & Maintenance	1751.08	
Postage	254.86	
Other Purchased Services	129.00	
Fuel Oil	2189.87	
Office Supplies	677.88	
Custodial Supplies	127.49	
Books	8807.51	
Newspapers & Periodicals	394.65	
Audio Tapes	374.09	
Videos	235.36	
Other Supplies	14.17	
Mileage	109.12	
Other Charges	49.00	18164.50

RECREATION COMMISSION

Wages	3000.00	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Supplies	0.00	3000.00

RECREATION REVOLVING FUND

Karate	10285.00	
Swimming	176.00	
Soccer	1317.80	
Basketball	870.00	
Aerobics	2050.00	
Playground	2744.17	
Skiing	6303.71	
Yoga	285.00	
Inter-program Expenses	2697.50	26729.18

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah M. Mero
Town Accountant

1998
Annual Report of the
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Marie Bassett	Kris Bowser
Judy Clark	Ellen Edson
Cathy Hawkins-Harrison	Tom King
Pam Lawrence	Anne Nadolski

PRINCIPAL

Geraldine D. Smith
University of Massachusetts at Amherst-B.A.Elementary Education
Northeastern University-M.Ed.Elementary Education, Math
Westfield State College-CAGS:Educational Adminstration

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Carl Perkins, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Pollyanna B. Davis, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Open – September 1, 1998	School Close – November 25, 1998
School Open – November 30, 1998	School Close – December 24, 1998
School Open – January 4, 1999	School Close – February 15, 1999
School Open – February 22, 1999	School Close – April 19, 1999
School Open – April 26, 1999	School Close - *June 17, 1999

(*Subject to State Requirements)

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee:

I am pleased to submit this annual report for Northfield Elementary School for the period of January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998. This past year has been one of change for the school. I began as Principal of Northfield Elementary School on July 1, 1998. I have been in education for thirty years as a principal and teacher and it is with excitement and pleasure that I began my work with the children and residents of Northfield.

We opened on September 1st with an enrollment of 300 students in pre-school through grade 6. Other new staff members joining the school this year are Amy Tibbetts as Kindergarten and Pre-School teacher, Kim Raphael, Kindergarten teacher, and Lynette Snedeker as our vocal and instrumental music teacher.

In December we said farewell to Pollyanna Davis who has been our school nurse for a number of years. Her pleasant, caring manner will be missed by all of us. Our heartfelt thanks is extended to her for the many years of dedicated service to our children. She has touched many of our lives in numerous ways.

Northfield has expanded its music program and now has a new sixty-four voice chorus and a beginning and advanced band. The children in these groups have presented musical performances for the community in the fall and winter.

The School Council, an advisory board for the principal with representation from the school staff, parents, and community, meets monthly and continues to focus on educational excellence. School climate, professional development, and curriculum improvement are focuses of this year's School Improvement Plan. A major project for the council this year is the updating of the school handbook. This is a huge task which the council is hoping to complete in time for the 1999-2000 school year.

In the fall, Northfield Elementary was awarded a grant from the Mass. Department of Education to work on school climate by training teachers in conflict resolution and "The Responsive Classroom." We will be working to incorporate what we learn into the regular school day.

The teachers have been working very hard to align our curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. This change will help us to better prepare the students to be successful in the new Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests which our fourth grade students will take each year. These curriculum and tests have created very high standards for our students – the bar has been raised. Young people must now not only have a good knowledge of the basics but must also have the ability to problem solve using this information.

The Northfield Elementary School technology committee has been reconvened to work to upgrade the technology at the school. Thank you to Brian Brault, Laura DiBari, Rebecca Emerson, Tom King, Ray McIsaac, Tim Seeley, and Cody Sisson for sharing their expertise with us and for working with me on this important project.

Once again, the PTO has been a cornerstone of the school community. This group of parents has sponsored family activities such as a family roller skating party, family sock hop, and a spring carnival. Fundraisers have helped provide items for the school that we are unable to include in budget. This past fall the fundraiser helped to buy computers for the classrooms and music and supplies for the chorus. Parent volunteers continue to be invaluable to the teachers and students. Thank you to the many people who have volunteered their time to help in the classrooms, share a special talent with us, and chaperone or drive for a field trip. The playground is safer and the front gardens are beautifully maintained thanks to the community volunteers. The school experience of the children is enriched by your contribution of time. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your most important contribution to the educational experiences of our children.

The After-School Program continues to prosper under the direction of Amy Novak-Whiteman. Thank you to the Foundation for Educational Excellence for supporting this much-needed program.

Our collaboration with the Northfield Mount Hermon School continues to benefit the children. Students from NMH volunteer in classrooms and in the After-School Program. Our scholarship fund to help students with field trip expenses has been enhanced by the school's generosity. Northfield Elementary School has also been the recipient of musical programs offered to us.

In closing, I wish to emphasize that Northfield Elementary School continues to support a learning environment that seeks to develop the whole child. Academics, arts, technology, self-discipline and respect for all people are all part of a comprehensive curriculum. Thank you for allowing me to join you in helping the children of Northfield reach this goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine D. Smith, Principal

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT REPORT
October 1, 1998

Elementary:	Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
	PK	20	10	30
	K	21	10	31
	1	14	14	28
	2	20	14	34
	3	15	25	40
	4	20	22	42
	5	23	26	49
	6	23	23	46

		156	**144**	**300**
Pioneer Valley Regional:	7	19	18	37
	8	28	25	53
	9	18	17	35
	10	14	19	33
	11	9	24	33
	12	16	6	22
		104	**109**	**213**
Franklin County Technical School:				14
Private Schools:				
Linden Hill School				0
Full Circle School				8
Northfield Mount Hermon School				41
				576

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS – 1998

Bernardston

Jeremiah Donovan	(Term expires 2000)
Karen L. Fitzpatrick	(Term expires 2000)
Julie Forsley	(Term expires 2000)

Leyden

Sam Bartlett	(Term expires 2002)
Rick Fontaine	(Term expires 2002)
Peggy Kaeppel	(Term expires 2000)

Northfield

Betsy Llewelyn	(Term expires 2002)
Jed Proujansky	(Term expires 2000)
Patricia Shearer, Chair	(Term expires 2000)

Warwick

Linda Gale	(Term expires 2000)
Mark Maynard, Co-Chair	(Term expires 2002)
T/B/D	

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kevin J. Courtney
University of Massachusetts – BA English
Fitchburg State College – Med
University of Massachusetts – EdD Candidate

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Dayle A. Doiron
BA English Literature/French – DePauw University
MHS Administration – Keene State College
Certified School business Administrator – Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DISTRICT TREASURER

Sharon L. Finnell

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Debby L. Lincoln

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Eleanor E. Rafuse

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 a.m. – 5: 00 p.m.
Vacation Days – 8::00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – 1998

It is a pleasure to submit my eleventh annual report as superintendent of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. The District's priorities continue to be the upgrading of facilities and the implementation of the Massachusetts Educational Reform Act of 1993.

In 1999 we are completing two elementary construction projects and beginning a third one at the high school.

The Bernardston Elementary School addition/renovation project is substantially complete. As in any construction project there were unforeseen delays and there are still some unresolved issues. However, we are using the entire building and there is no question that it is a beautiful physical plant. We welcome visits and many people have stopped by. If you would like to do so, please contact Scott Lyman, the BES principal. Thanks to the staff for all of their patience and congratulations to the town for supporting such a wonderful improvement to its elementary school.

In Warwick we began construction of a new elementary school last spring. To date there have been few delays (knock on wood!). We expect to wrap up by June (1999), move in this summer and open the doors to students in September. This has been a true community effort, with extraordinary participation by many citizens. It, too, will be a beautiful building with a view of Mount Grace that takes your breath away. For those of you who live out of town it is well worth a ride to see it. It is located on Winchester Road (Route 78), an eighth of a mile north of the town center.

The seventeen million dollar PVRS project is slated to go out to bid in mid March (1999). We expect to break ground in April. The Building Committee and various subcommittees have been meeting regularly, in some cases weekly, during the last year. This will be our largest and most complicated project. It will be done in phases, taking a total of eighteen to twenty-four months to complete. As we have in the other projects, we will need the understanding and cooperation of staff, students and parents as we proceed through this enormous undertaking.

I would be remiss if I did not mention two major fund-raising efforts that occurred in Bernardston and Warwick as part of the building projects. In Bernardston, $70,000 has been raised to provide additional technology; in Warwick, $89,000 to add a gymnasium. The news is even better than it seems because we can use these funds to leverage approximately 70% more from the state, a total of $230,000 in Bernardston and $296,000 in Warwick. My sincere appreciation to all who organized and contributed to these efforts.

In 1998 student testing took center stage in the on-going implementation of the Educational Reform Act of 1993.

The first series of tests in the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) were administered last May to all 4th, 8th, and 10th graders in English, Math, Science and Technology. With much fanfare the results were made public last December. Predictably, scores were low across the state and lower than usual in the Pioneer District. That is not surprising because we have just begun implementing the Curriculum Frameworks, upon which the tests are based. Scores will rise, but it will be a long, slow process. The Frameworks and MCAS require monumental changes in what and how we teach. In terms of its impact on public education, the only law that I can compare to Educational Reform is the Special Education Law of 1975 (Chapter 766). In fact, I believe that the potential impact of Educational Reform is greater because it affects all students, not just students with special needs. Used correctly, the law can improve education in Pioneer and throughout the state. Misused, it will become a legal and bureaucratic nightmare that will harm rather than help public education. Ever the optimist, I am hoping for the former.

On behalf of students, staff and School Committee I thank you for your support in 1998. Your continued commitment to the children in our four towns makes it a pleasure to serve you.

Kevin J. Courtney
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To: The Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee. I herewith submit my eighteenth annual report as Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Personnel Changes

Resignation:	Sacheverell Seney, Science; Margaret Maxfield, Math; Linda Cachucho, Math; Paul Danielovich, Assistant Principal; Jason Duncan, Spanish.
New Hires:	Dr. Carol Sacco, Science; Karen Schlichter, Science; Mary McCarthy, Assistant Principal; Angie Phillips, Spanish; Orianna Marcellino, Math; Rich Mulcahy, Math; Barbara Sussbauer, English; Nancy Barton, Office Aide
Leave of Absence:	Dr. Joyce Mehaffey, School Psychologist
Reassignment:	Judy Granger, Secretary to Assistant Principal; Robert Englehardt, Dean of Students (p.t.); Patsy Cassella, Math

We were indeed saddened in November by the passing of Dona Cadwell, a long time teacher and guidance counselor at Pioneer. Dona was an extremely dedicated educator and friend to everyone. She was such a positive influence on the lives of so many Pioneer students as well as on colleagues for whom she served as a mentor. Her life's work will be felt far into the future.

Department Reports

Business Department

The Business Department was moved from the main building to a portable classroom last January. The room is now equipped with 21 new networked PC computer stations complete with CD drives and access to a laser jet printer; the room also contains a color bubble jet printer. Installed software includes Corel Word Perfect Suite 8, Micro Type keyboarding tutorial, and an automated accounting package. The students are all very happy to finally have access to up-to-date equipment and software and look forward to having the lab connected to the Internet in the new building.

The department continues to offer accounting, keyboarding, consumer math, distributive education and marketing, computer applications, desktop publishing and word processing. Approximately 420 students utilize one or more of the courses offered by the department. Our goal is to continue providing students with courses that provide them with skills, concepts, and practical applications that can be utilized in their personal lives.

English Department

The English Department spent the second semester creating a new scope and sequence for grades seven through twelve. Students are still heterogeneously grouped. However, all students now take grade level, year-long English courses that have been aligned to the Massachusetts Language Arts Frameworks. Seventh grade English teachers are working together with sixth grade elementary teachers to coordinate language arts curriculum objectives.

In June of 1998, members of the English Department completed an inventory of materials and texts stored throughout the building. Using this inventory, staff members established grade level reading lists that most closely align to the frameworks.

All English teachers are working to help students achieve proficient and advanced scores on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment testing now required of fourth, eighth and tenth grade students. Initial results in the language arts section of testing are encouraging, but more work needs to be done.

During the next school year, department members will create rubrics for reading, writing, media, listening and speaking skills. These rubrics will establish the criteria upon which students will be assessed in each area.

Finally, although the department has discontinued the thematic courses offered over the last ten years, we are still dedicated to heterogeneous grouping and student-centered learning by providing various educational opportunities and teaching methods. The emphasis remains on teaching students how to learn through skill development and subject matter.

Family, Consumer, and Health Sciences Department

The Family, consumer, and Health Sciences Department has worked tirelessly with the Design Sub-Committee and the full Building Committee to ensure a design that maximizes learning opportunities and safety in the new facility. We are pleased with the results and have begun planning for the big move.

During the summer, the Health 7 and 8 curriculum were revised and aligned with the Massachusetts State Health Frameworks. Students are enjoying the best developmentally appropriate program at each grade level. Due to increased tobacco use by younger students, the elementary tobacco education program is reinforced in the 7th and 8th grades.

The Comprehensive Health Council sponsors four community health updates. Each presentation is held at PVRS and is open to students, parents, and community members of the District. Parent-Teen Communication and Nutrition Issues were the two programs presented this fall. Signs will be posted in area stores for upcoming presentations on Preventing Sport's Injury and Stress Management.

Exploring the Responsibilities of Parenthood, a unit in Health and Human Relations 9-10, has taken on a new look. Four Infant Simulator dolls were donated to the department by the Parent Teacher Partnership and the Community Coalition for Teens. Barbara Carme coordinated this project and students are eager to care for these computer-driven babies.

Fine Arts Department

The Fine Arts Department continues to enjoy very high student interest and participation. Students in both the visual and performing arts have gained recognition for their efforts both locally and state wide through performances and exhibits. Amy Kiendzior has done an outstanding job developing both her choral program and the all-school musicals. This past fall she produced South Pacific as the all-school musical and played to a sold-out house for all performances. Jonathan Cade continues to produce outstanding results with his instrumental music program.

The following is a brief list of the performances by both Jonathan's and Amy's groups: Winter & Spring Concert, Senior High Concert at the Trinitarian Church, Talent Show with the Bernardston Church, Memorial Day in Bernardston, Graduation, Senior Band to MICCA Festival, UMASS Band Day, Homecoming, Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner, South Pacific, December Concert, Western Massachusetts District Band and Chorus at UMASS Fine Arts Center, Caroling with Greenfield Business Association, Sang for Senior Citizens in Northfield and Bernardston.

The Visual Arts program continues to grow. This year we were able to add an Advanced Photography class as well as add Karen Poffenberger to the staff to teach the 8th Grade Related Art and a section of General Art. Students in the visual arts program have continued to go on to further their education in art at some of the nation's finest art schools.

The Fine Arts Department looks forward to the new facilities that it will enjoy in the renovated school. Next year will be a difficult year for the visual arts as its classroom will be located in temporary facilities while construction takes place. The new facilities will address the need to separate the three-dimensional from the two-dimensional and photographic studios. Renovation of the vocal/instrumental facilities will take place in phase 2 of the construction.

Industrial Arts/Technology Education Department

The Industrial Arts/Technology Department continues to prepare students in grades 7-12 with basic skills necessary to produce quality projects, drawing and architectural renderings. Enrollment continuously increases and student enthusiasm remains very high. To meet the requirements of modern technology, particularly with this increase in class size, the department sorely needs computer aided drafting stations and upgraded shop equipment. This equipment is included in the new building project.

Mathematics Department

For those of us teaching math at Pioneer, the current school year is dominated by the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment system (MCAS). Results of tests administered in April to 8th and 10th graders show that there is much we need to do to better prepare students for theses tests. Toward this end, we are:

1. Aligning the Pioneer curriculum with that outlined in the state frameworks. The goal of this is to ensure that, by the time they are tested, students have been taught skills that are included in the tests.
2. Evaluating our textbook needs. Textbook replacement is necessitated by the above-mentioned realignment of the curriculum. Textbooks currently in use are inadequate in view of the state curriculum frameworks. (They are also old and in deteriorating condition.)
3. Determining ways in which our routine testing practices can be made to more closely emulate the styles used on state tests, which include multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions and open-response questions.

Other issues we are discussing include:

1. Changing requirements (raising standards) for advancement to the next course in the math sequence.
2. Developing a new course for those students for whom Integrated Math III is not appropriate. Such a course will be essential to assist students who fail the math portion of the MCAS tests.
3. Ways in which we can work with teachers in the four elementary schools to promote more uniform and complete preparation of incoming seventh graders.

Math teachers are also active participants in the Middle School Task Force, which is developing plans for a middle school as part of the new building project. Although the building project is certain to cause upheaval for all of us in the coming two to three years, we look forward to the eventual completion of the new facility and the ways in which that will further the goal of providing an excellent education to all Pioneer students.

Physical Education

The Physical Education Department continues to serve the students at Pioneer. The basic skills that are taught will allow our students to participate in a variety of physical activities throughout their lives. For those who participate in lifetime physical activities, statistics predict a longer and healthier life.

In December, our students participated in fitness month. We borrowed six stationary bicycles. The company, Concept II, lent us two rowing machines for the year. We used them both extensively during fitness month. The students are taught effective stretching exercises and how to develop a personal fitness plan. The Pioneer students rowed over 1.2 million meters in just over three weeks. We also logged over 2,000 miles using the perimeter of the gym as our indoor track.

The 1998-99 school year has been productive and fulfilling. Pioneer's student population is growing. We are excited about the building project and the new facilities we will be enjoying in the near future.

Pioneer Athletics

Last spring Boys' Baseball won Hampshire League and Western Massachusetts titles. Girls' Softball won Northern League. This past fall, Boys' Soccer won the McGrath Division.

Science Department

We have made great strides in meeting the standards outlined by the Massachusetts Science Curriculum Frameworks.

- This is the first year we have offered a course, Earth Science, covering both the internal and external processes.
- A comprehensive inventory of assessment samples and strategies have been compiled and distributed to each teacher in the department and the administration.
- Regular meetings with sixth and seventh grade teachers have resulted in a clearer need for the same science curriculum in each of the sender towns.
- In-service time has enabled us to meet and evaluate the science courses and clearly define how we are introducing, reinforcing and developing proficiency in skills and content.

Several adjustments have been made in the curriculum to better prepare students for the MCAS.

- We are developing basic vocabulary for each unit to enable each student to define these science terms in his/her own words in ways that show understanding.
- More emphasis is being placed on written communication through open response questioning on class tests and homework assignments.
- Several of the questions on last year's MCAS do not "fit" our curriculum (such as moles from chemistry which is usually taken during the junior year), but teachers will make efforts to include these concepts in our grades 7 to 7 integrated program.

Social Studies Department

Members of the department spent time last summer rewriting the curriculum for the 7th and 8th grade social studies programs. Our Junior High program is now in line with the Massachusetts frameworks as outlined by the Department of Education.

1999 Pioneer Geography Bee 8th grade champion – Jamielee Gifford

1999 Student Government Day Representative – Neil Dempsey

1998-1999 Model Congress members – 12th grade – Jocelyn Brown-Saracino Lauren Sibley, Matthew Killeen, 11th grade – Gabriel Tusinski, Anya Babbitt, Jessica Shiner, 9th grade – Justin Whiteman, Katey Baldwin

Jocelyn Brown-Saracino won the 4th place award in the delegate competition at the Model Congress. The 4th place prize is a 25% tuition scholarship to American International College for 4 years.

World Language Department

This year has seen the World Language Department grow not only in numbers (both in students and staff), but in curriculum and cultural activities. Members of our department attended various workshops and conferences in addition to taking courses and working on the World Language Frameworks curriculum.

World Languages came alive this past year with a variety of cultural exchanges, trips and activities. In the spring, several Pioneer students hosted students from France and Puerto Rico. These students provided a wealth of cultural insight into the languages and customs of the French and Spanish speaking world. During April vacation, six Pioneer students enjoyed the sights and sounds of Puerto Rico with Senorita Pinkos and in July of 1999 thirty students and adults will be traveling to Paris and the Normandy Beaches with Madame Worden. Cultural activities centering on such celebrations as Cinco de Mayo, El Dia de los Muertos and Mardi Gras were enthusiastically received by the students.

In closing, Pioneer looks forward to breaking ground in the Spring of 1999 on its addition and renovation project.

Having school in session while construction takes place will be a challenge but we have an excellent building committee and staff who will work hard to ensure that the process runs smoothly. The project will last between 24 to 26 months. The addition will double the amount of square footage in the present building and provide additional classrooms, a larger library, gym and cafeteria. Improvements in technology will enhance the learning environment and bring us into compliance with the regional accrediting board.

My sincere appreciation to Superintendent Courtney, the school committee, my faculty and staff, our students and the parents and citizens of our school district for their unselfish and untiring efforts on behalf of our school and its students in 1998. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Evrett H. Masters, Principal

TRUST FUNDS – SCHOLARSHIPS

Balance on hand July 1, 1997		$ 88,263.36	
Receipts – Interest Income		4,347.59	
Receipts – Donations		804.00	
			$ 93,414.95
Disbursements – Scholarships			
Stephen Balk Scholarship	- Roy Ernest	$ 250.00	
Theodore Cronyn Award	- Clarissa Veith	50.00	
J.P. Davis Scholarship	- Jenny Kummerle	250.00	
	- Kristopher Kachelmeyer	250.00	
Leonard Eastman Award	- Christa Gardner	50.00	
Bernardston Com.Club Award	-Kristopher Kachelmeyer	125.00	
Good Neighbors Scholarship	- Jillian Campbell	100.00	
Grover/Barnes Scholarship	- Joshua Clough	250.00	
Lois Humphrey	- Nicole Leary	300.00	
Jackson/Hammond	- Keri Black	250.00	
	- Tina Patno	250.00	
Evelyn Lawley Math Award	- Melissa Fiske	40.00	
Alfred Orleans Award	- Angela Streeter	50.00	
Thadeus M.Ostrowski Sch.	- Andrea Chula	50.00	
Tyler Memorial Award	- Christopher Doyle	25.00	
George A. Warner Scholar.	- Justin Streeter	40.00	
	- Alyson Gordon	200.00	
	- Justin Daly	200.00	
Lucy Franklin Wilder Award	- Christa Gardner	100.00	
P.B.Allen Scholarship	- Joshua Dirth	200.00	
	- Leigh Worden	200.00	
Orinda Phelps Holbrook Sch.	-Shane Morgan	400.00	
McGowan Mem.Award	- Jason Moran	500.00	
			4,130.00
Balance on hand June 30, 1998			89,284.95
			$ 93,414.95

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

June 30, 1998

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	Total (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS						
Cash and equivalents	$ 1,104,660	$ 34,358	$ 28,145	$ 54,706	$	$ 1,221,869
Investments	539			81,215		81,754
Receivables:						
State and Federal governments		77,779				77,779
Other	87,490	7,117	6,113			100,720
Due from other funds	2,876	100,261	404,023			507,160
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt					641,985	641,985
Total assets	$ 1,195,565	$ 219,515	$ 438,281	$ 135,921	$ 641,985	$ 2,631,267
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Note payable - temporary	$	$	$ 900,000	$	$	$ 900,000
Warrants payable and accruals	501,253	79,314	202,219			782,786
Other liabilities	1,389			42,288		43,677
Due to other funds	504,284			2,876		507,160
Notes payable - long-term					104,000	104,000
Capital lease obligations payable					118,339	118,339
Accumulated retirement incentive					419,646	419,646
Total liabilities	1,006,926	79,314	1,102,219	45,164	641,985	2,875,608
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for expenditures		140,201		23,700		163,901
Reserved for capital deficit			(663,938)			(663,938)
Reserved for endowment				67,057		67,057
Unreserved:						
Designated for authorized deferral of teacher's pay	(139,368)					(139,368)
Designated for subsequent year's assessment reduction	65,000					65,000
Undesignated	263,007					263,007
Total fund balances	188,639	140,201	(663,938)	90,757	-	(244,341)
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 1,195,565	$ 219,515	$ 438,281	$ 135,921	$ 641,985	$ 2,631,267

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Report of
Administrator of Special Education

I am pleased to submit my first annual report as the Administrator of Special Education for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. Special Education services are currently being provided to two hundred and sixty-two (262) students, ages three (3) to twenty-two (22).

The vast majority of students identified as having special needs receive a combination of regular and special education services at the four elementary schools in Warwick, Leyden, Northfield and Bernardston, and at the Pioneer Valley Regional School. A small number of students are placed outside the school district in alternative day and residential programs.

Special Education services provided consist of: academic support, substantially separate reading and math programs, speech/language therapy, psychological services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, services for the deaf, hard of hearing and visually impaired and specialized transportation. Programming is provided during the school year and, in some cases, in extended school year programs as deemed necessary by the Special Education Team.

Students in need of special education services have been identified in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts Chapter 766 Regulations. Such identification is based upon the finding that a student, because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay or an intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment, is unable to progress effectively in regular education.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon B. Parker, Ed. D.
Administrator of Special Education

1998 Annual Report
FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

We are pleased to submit the annual report of Franklin County Technical School. The significant events that have transpired during the past year are noted. The October 1, 1998 enrollment was as follows:

Bernardston	18	Deerfield	16	Heath	7	Northfield	12	Warwick	7
Buckland	18	Erving	8	Leyden	5	Orange	78	Wendell	10
Colrain	35	Gill	4	Montague	55	Shelburne	11	Whately	7
Conway	11	Greenfield	137	New Salem	7	Sunderland	13	Non-Dist.	28

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be an effective method for job placement of our students. In June 1998, 73 students graduated and their placement record was as follows:

Entered Work Force	47	Entered College	24	Entered Military	2

Student Awards Highlights:

University of Massachusetts Scholars: Christine A. Mullen; Ashley T. Barstow

Outstanding Vocational Technical Student: Christine A. Mullen

Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence: Ashley T. Barstow

Franklin County Rotary Club Most Improved Student Awards: Donna Babcock; Jennifer Clough; Chad Gates; Sandra Gonzales; Scott Grover; Ranaye Hardy; Sandra Krouse; Jason Secord; Robert sokoloski; Kenneth Vight.

FCT was the recipient of the 1998 Sportsmanship Award Sponsored by Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Community service projects for surrounding towns and organizations continue to be an integral part of our vocational programs. The second year of our Franklin Medical Center's Beacon Housing Program is underway with completion set for June of 1999. In addition, we will be constructing an information center at the Whately Transfer Station; building picnic tables and a gate for Sunderland's Town Park; building a stage addition for the Sunderland Elementary School; providing wiring for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Home and Trade Show; finishing the airport project in Turners Falls and providing a variety of services for other towns when needed.

In conclusion, we would like to express our gratitude to the entire educational community and residents of Franklin County Technical School and to all the residents of the County for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Fournier
School Committee Chairman

Frederick H. Green, III
Superintendent-Director

CENTRAL FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

Dear Veterans and Citizens:

We have much to be grateful for this year. The Massachusetts Legislature has been very generous to veterans. The Massachusetts Veterans Agents Association have been working with our State Legislatures since last Memorial Day on many veterans bills and I have listed below many of those accomplishments.

A. REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS CLAUSE 22: $250.00 per year.
B. TAX FREE MILITARY PENSIONS: Ended Mass. being the only state to tax military pensions.
C. RETIREMENT BUY BACK: For government employees can buy up to 4 years toward retirement for time spent in military service.
D. ANNUITIES: Established an annual annuity of $1,500 to fathers and mothers of a serviceperson killed in action or who died of injuries or disease sustained in combat, and to all 100% service-connected disabled.
E. AMERICAN FLAGS: Cities and Towns will be reimbursed 75% of the cost of the American flags used to decorate veterans graves each Memorial Day.
F. SOLDIERS HOMES: Budgets were substantially increased. Holyoke was allowed to establish an Alzheimers unit and a prescription mail program, and Chelsea was allowed to re-open a new ward.

Many of the items I have listed above have not been increased in almost 40 years and some are new benefits.

As Veterans Day approaches let us take a few minutes out of our lives and pray for those who have gone before us. And, let us continue to fight for those who are still alive. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Selectboard, for the Town of Whately, for joining the C.F.C. Veterans district, and I look forward to serving those veterans in their town.

We are still formulating plans with the Farren Care Center and the Northampton VA Medical Center to combine services for veterans and their families to receive clinical care at the Community Health Center. I hope everything is in place by Veterans Day.

If we can be of service, please visit or call my office at 413-863-3205.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Parent, Jr.
Director, Veterans Services

1998 Report of the
FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the residents of FCSWMD member municipalities:

The District unveiled several new initiatives this past year, and took major steps toward determining where the solid waste from our member towns will go after June of 1999, when the Bernardston landfill finally closes. We issued a request for bids for hauling and disposal costs which, at this writing (January) are still being evaluated. One thing is certain: the "sticker shock" of increased disposal costs, that has been predicted for many years, has finally arrived. We are working to keep the costs down by contracting regionally.

Our three new hazardous waste "super sites" opened in the fall, accepting products such as automotive fluids, oil-based paints, fluorescent bulbs, and rechargeable batteries in Bernardston, Colrain, and Conway. The sites have been well received and well used, even though users must pay a small disposal fee. At least one of these sites is open every weekend throughout the year. As we expected, the super sites siphoned off much of the material that traditionally goes to the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection, reducing costs to the towns.

We provided residents of all of our towns the opportunity to get rid of their old electronic components with our Consumer Electronics Collection ast three sites (Erving, Greenfield, and Shelburne) in September. About 12 tons of old computers, VCRs, and stereos came out of closets and attics, and all were brought to Umass, where they are "de-manufactured" before being recycled. Many of the items had been in storage for 10 years or more, testifying to peoples' reluctance to discard something that "must have some value." We are planning another collection for this summer.

Ten schools in our region are now outfitted with special units to wash milk cartons which, believe it or not, make up some 30% of a school's trash. Once washed, the cartons are fully recyclable. They are now being collected and transported to the Springfield MRF.

Our recycling programs continue their effectiveness. Most of our towns joined the new state program that reimburses towns for every ton of recyclable materials collected in the town. This program (called MRIP) brought in over $31,000 in new revenue to our towns. Many towns use this money to reduce their assessments for the Solid Waste District. More than 5,463 tons of recyclable paper, bottles, cans, plastic and aluminum were sent to the Springfield MRF or to Goodworks Recycling, saving approximately $300,000 in disposal costs, while generating more than $21,000 in revenue. Our combined recycling rate was 45% -- just shy of the state's overall goal of 46%, but way ahead of the overall state average of 34%. Clearly, all of your efforts at separatng recyclables from your trash are paying off!

Our waste management committee prepared a model trash hauler licensing regulation for our Boards of Health, which will enable local Boards to keep better track of trash and recycling collection services being provided to residents. Most of our towns took advantage of a "mini-grant" program offered by the Springfield MRF Advisory Board. Depending on their population, towns received from $250 to $2,000 to help promote their local programs. Many of the towns took part in a District-sponsored "lottery:" 70 residents of 11 towns won prizes such as home compost bins, recycling set-out boxes, or used oil collection containers – all made from recycled plastic.

By the time you read this, the District's new Solid Waste Master Plan will be in the hands of local Selectboards. The new plan incorporates information on "trash priorities" gathered from all Selectboards last year, and sets out the District's long- and short-term goals for the coming 5 years. One element of the new Plan is to shift many of our expenses onto a "fee for service" basis. The District has been moving in this direction for the past few years; about 85% of our FY2000 revenue will come from program service fees.

Arthur Cohen, Gill – *Chair*　　Robert B. Rottenberg, Colrain – *Administrator*

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regional approaches have been for years touted as the logical arena for wrestling with many local problems. Whether getting a "bigger bang for the buck" in service delivery or attracting "more people under the tent" of economic, development, environmental protection or issue advocacy, the merits of reaching beyond municipal boundaries are hard to reject out of hand. The Massachusetts Municipal Association sponsors workshops on the subject. Numerous state agencies create program incentives for regionalizing service delivery. Increasingly, federal and private foundation grantors look for bigger picture approaches to investing their funds in infrastructure and programming.

In spite of the advantages, however, the practical obstacles to delivering regional services in home-rule strong Massachusetts can challenge short-term financial and long-term strategic logic. The challenges of growth or its absence, can cause citizens to focus only within the municipal bounds, presenting town officials with choices between the immediate bottom line and a riskier feeling long-term investment in flexible capacity through regional partnership.

Since our transition to a voluntary council of governments in 1997, the FRCOG has been seen as a model in Massachusetts serving both the bigger bang and bigger tent objectives of regional collaboration. A central theme for the FRCOG is to provide our critical customers, town officials, with the hard products average taxpayers value while supporting big-picture regional efforts that create the context for our individual municipal members' success.

In fiscal 2000, the total $331,120 core regional services assessment to the towns will leverage nearly $1.2 million in planning, community health, economic development and management capacity grants which serve our members. We have developed fee for service programs in health inspection, procurement, engineering and resource development that give officials a straight-forward way of purchasing the service they need without giving up home-rule control or committing to staffing levels that are sometimes politically difficult to change. Our regional planning efforts connect local technical support people can see to a regional plan that supports balanced growth. We lead advocacy for the future of state funding of school foundation budgets, awareness of the impact of the bond cap on critical service and economic development projects in the region, Chapter 90 transportation funding and technology infrastructure development, and coordination of acquiring federal economic development dollars through the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Local officials have enormous agendas to balance to keep typical service costs down while maintaining an eye on how the environmental, economic, and political changes played out on a world scale will affect their town's future. The balance of hard products and regional strategies offered through the FRCOG give local officials an efficient and locally accountable way to represent to their constituents that they are doing both.

Jay DiPucchio, Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS

To any of the Constables in the Town of Northfield, in the County of Franklin, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

In said Town on Monday, May 3, 1999 at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening, then and there to act on the following:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept from any association, agency, proprietorship, corporation, enterprise, individual, etc., a sum or sums of money, or other gift for the benefit of the Town or any of its departments, etc., or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town, upon exceeding the levy limit, will vote to authorize an "Override Vote" for any monies that exceed the monies recommended by the Finance Committee under Article 5 of this Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Town Meeting or any other Articles voted at the Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Town Meeting, which said sum or sums shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "Override of Proposition 2 ½", or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2000, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Appropriated FY1999	Requested FY2000
Moderator Salary	0.00	0.00
Moderator Expense	80.00	80.00

Selectmen Salaries	FY99	Req.2000	4113.00	4318.00
Chairman	1425.00	1496.00		
Others	1344.00	1411.00		
Selectmen Expense			7265.00	8100.00
Administrative Assistant Salary			33311.00	34977.00
Secretary Salary			23590.00	24770.00
Finance Committee Expense			315.00	315.00
Reserve Fund			10000.00	10000.00
Accountant Salary			15726.00	16512.00
Accountant Expense			335.00	335.00
Assessor's Salaries	FY99	Req.2000	4615.00	4845.00
Chairman	1603.00	1683.00		
Others	1506.00	1581.00		
Assessor's Clerk Salary			15142.00	21840.00
Assessor's Expense			6550.00	7557.00
Treasurer Salary			8316.00	8732.00
Treasurer Expense			3500.00	3500.00
Tax Collector Salary			5830.00	6122.00
Tax Collector Expense			6600.00	6600.00
Town Legal Counsel			15000.00	15000.00
Computer Supply/Service			4650.00	5510.00
Tax Title foreclosure			2300.00	2300.00
Copy Machine Supply/Service			2000.00	2000.00
Town Clerk Salary			5363.00	5631.00
Town Clerk Expense			675.00	700.00
Elections & Registrations			5000.00	5000.00
Conservation Commission			620.00	620.00
Planning Board			1945.00	1490.00
Zoning Appeals Board			275.00	275.00
Land Damages			1.00	1.00
Town Hall Custodian			6941.00	8260.00
Town Hall Maintenance			18600.00	17500.00
Town Reports			1600.00	1400.00
Town Clock			150.00	150.00
TOTAL			210408.00	224440.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Wages & Salaries			100932.00	105859.00
	FY1999	Req.2000		
Chief	38255.00	40168.00		
Sargeant	29617.00	31078.00		
P.T.Ofcrs.	22820.00	23961.00		
Holiday-Chief	1618.00	1699.00		
O.T.Wages	6622.00	6953.00		
Police Grant Incent.	2000.00	2000.00		

Police Operating Expense	17475.00	17725.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	2733.00	4870.00

	FY1999	Req.2000
Chief	1906.00	2001.00
1st Fire Warden	383.00	402.00
Pub.Safety Ofcr.	191.00	201.00
Fire Dept.Sec'y.	253.00	266.00
Asst.Chief	0.00	800.00
Captain	0.00	400.00
Lieut. 4 @ $200	0.00	800.00

Fire Dept. Wages	14951.00	15699.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	8250.00	9000.00
Hose & Equipment	7000.00	7000.00
Inspection Fees	1400.00	1400.00
Hydrants	3300.00	3500.00
Maintenance Fire Station	7500.00	8000.00
Fireponds/Waterholes	2000.00	2500.00
Ambulance Service	0.00	0.00
EMT Wages & Salaries	4584.00	4813.00
EMT Expense	2840.00	3115.00
Building Inspector Salary	10789.00	11328.00
Building Inspector Expense	1385.00	1810.00
Wire Inspector Program	7724.00	7791.00
Civil Defense	500.00	500.00
Dog Officer Salary	2221.00	2332.00
Dog Officer Expense	1450.00	1450.00
Tree Dept. Wages & Expense	5000.00	5000.00
Constables Wages	482.00	506.00
Constables Expense	30.00	30.00
Fence Viewers, Etc.	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	202547.00	214229.00

EDUCATION

PVRS Operating Assessment	1689550.00	2076562.00
PVRS Capital Assessment	26120.64	24286.00
PVRS-Building Project Assessment	0.00	144415.00
PVRS Teachers Salary Deferral	4536.47	4536.47
Franklin County Tech. School Operating Assessment	88655.00	84996.00
Elementary School Maintenance	0.00	850.00
TOTAL	1808862.11	2335645.47

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Hwy. Supt. Expense	6480.00	6480.00
Highway Dept. Wages	166634.00	174966.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	80000.00	80000.00

Oiling & Stoning	60000.00	60000.00
Highway Tools	1000.00	1000.00
Snow Removal Wages	Comb. w/hwy	Comb. w/hwy
Snow Removal Expense	51800.00	51800.00
Street Lights	13150.00	13150.00
Machinery Maintenance	62000.00	65000.00
Maintenance Highway Garage	4000.00	4000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Lists	1.00	1.00
Solid Waste District	4900.00	4900.00
Waste Disposal	96505.00	103600.00
Sewer Commission Salaries	1039.00	1091.00
Sewer Commission Expense	67.00	67.00
Sewer Dept. Collector	512.00	538.00
Sewer Dept. Wages	46797.00	49137.00
Operation & Maintenance Sewer Plant	58071.00	58071.00
Cemetery Wages & Expense	1200.00	1200.00
TOTAL	654156.00	675001.00

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Board of Health Salaries	1730.00	1817.00
Board of Health Expense	2515.00	2600.00
Secretary, Board of Health	650.00	650.00
Shared Health Agent	6450.00	6611.25
Septic System Inspection Fees	2000.00	2000.00
Animal Inspector	1500.00	1500.00
Council on Aging	9286.00	9704.00
Soldiers Relief	2500.00	2500.00
TOTAL	26631.00	27382.25

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Dickinson Library Wages	49661.00	52144.00
Dickinson Library Expense	18585.00	22045.00
Northfield Farms Library	450.00	450.00
Recreation Commission	7000.00	7000.00
Maintenance, Athletic Field	2000.00	2000.00
Historical Society Building	400.00	400.00
Historical Commission	200.00	200.00
Memorial Day	1200.00	1200.00
Alexander Hall	340.00	340.00
FRCOG Assessment (Spec.Art.'98)	19976.23	22428.00
TOTAL	99812.23	108207.00

DEBT SERVICE

Maturing Debt – Prin.	222703.02	223894.93

	1999	2000
Sewer (Bnds 1/92)	25000.00	25000.00

Sch. (Bnds 1/92)	175000.00	175000.00		
Sewer (Bnds 7/93)	22703.02	23894.93		
Interest on Long-Term Debt			155982.98	144591.07
Sewer (Bnds 1/92)	13695.00	12420.00		
Sch. (Bnds 1/92)	113520.00	104595.00		
Sewer (Bnds 7/93)	28767.98	27576.07		
Interest on Short-Term Debt			3000.00	3000.00
TOTAL			381686.00	371486.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Workers Comp. Insurance	8000.00	10782.00
Unemployment	1500.00	1000.00
Health Insurance	62200.00	62200.00
Life Insurance	700.00	700.00
Medicare/FICA	11000.00	11000.00
Other Insurance	27000.00	25716.00
TOTAL	110400.00	111398.00
GRAND TOTAL	***$ 3494502.34***	***$ 4067788.72***

Article 6. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (Massachusetts Highway Department) for Chapter 90-type construction/improvements/reconstruction of public ways; and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 7. (Submitted by Planning Board)
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Laws as follows:

Article III. Definitions

Flood Plain District See new section 3.03.

3.03 Flood Plain District

The Flood Plain District is composed of all special flood hazard areas designated on the Northfield Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) dated 9-30-80 as Zone A, AE, AH, AO, A1-30 and the FEMA Flood Boundary and Floodway Map dated 6-19-79.

Area of special flood hazard is the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated as Zone A, AO, AH, A1-30, AE A99, V1-30, VE or V.

Base Flood means the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Development means any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operation.

District means floodplain district.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA provides a nationwide flood hazard area mapping study program for communities as well as regulatory standards for development in the flood hazard areas.

Flood Boundary and Floodway Map means an official map of a community issued by FEMA that depicts, based on detailed analyses, the boundaries of the 100-year and 500-year floods and the 100-year floodway. (For maps done in 1987 and later, the floodway designation is included on the FIRM).

Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) means an official map of a community issued by FEMA where the boundaries of the flood and related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A or E.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) means an official map of a community on which FEMA has delineated both the areas of special flood hazard and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

Flood Insurance Study means an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards, and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation and determination of flood-related erosion hazards.

Floodway means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation.

Lowest Floor means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement or cellar). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor, provided that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of NFIP Regulations 60.3.

New Construction means, for floodplain management purposes, structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community. New Construction means structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later.

One Hundred Year Flood - see Base Flood.

Regulatory Floodway - see Floodway.

Special Flood Hazard Area means an area having special flood and/or flood-related erosion hazards, and shown on an FHBM or FIRM as Zone A, AO, A1-30, AE, A99, AH, V, V1-30, VE.

Start of Construction includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, or floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

Structure means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground and affixed to a permanent site. For the latter purpose, the term includes a building while in the course of construction, alteration, or repair, but does not include building materials or supplies intended for use in such construction, alteration, or repair, unless such materials or supplies are within an enclosed building on the premises.

Substantial Damage means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantial Improvement means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed.

Zone A means the 100-year floodplain area where the base flood elevation (BFE) has not been determined. To determine the BFE, use the best available federal, state, local or other data.

Zone A1 – A30 and Zone AE (for new and revised maps) means the 100-year floodplain where the base flood elevation has been determined.

Zone AH and Zone AO means the 100-year floodplain with flood depths of 1 to 3 feet.

Zone A99 means areas to be protected from the 100-year flood by federal flood protection system under construction. Base flood elevations have not been determined.

Zones B, C, and X are areas identified in the community Flood Insurance Study as areas of moderate or minimal flood hazard. Zone X replaces Zones B and C on new and revised maps.

Article IV. Establishment of District

(Delete 4.02.01 & replace with new:)

4.02.01 Floodplain District Boundaries and Base Floodd Elevation and Floodway Data

Sect.A Flood Plain District Boundaries

The Flood Plain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas designated on the Northfield Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the NFIP dated 9-30-80 as Zone A, AE, AH, AO, A1-30 and the FEMA Flood Boundary & Floodway Map dated 6-19-79, both maps which indicate the 100-year regulatory floodplain. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Insurance Study booklet dated March, 1980. The FIRM, Floodway Maps and Flood Insurance Study booklet are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Board of Assessors.

Sect. B Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data

1. Floodway Data. In Zone A, A1-30, and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

2. Base Flood Elevation Data. Within unnumbered A Zones, applicants seeking to develop subdivisions or other developments greater than either fifty lots or five acres shall submit base flood elevation data as specified in 6.04.02.

Article VI. Use Regulations

(Delete 6.04 wording "the following requirements apply in the Flood Plain District")

(Delete existing 6.04.01 and 6.04.02 and add new 6.04.01 through 6.04.06 as follows:)

6.04.01 Statement of Purpose

The purposes of the Floodplain District are to:

1. Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life personal injury;
2. Try to eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials;
3. Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding;
4. Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding;
5. Minimize costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions;
6. Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters.

6.04.02 Within Zone A, where the base flood elevation is not provided on the FIRM, the building permit applicant shall obtain any existing base flood elevation data and it shall be reviewed by the Building Commissionerfor its reasonable utilization toward meeting the elevation or floodproofing requirements, as appropriate, of the State Building Code.

6.04.03 Notify, in a riverine situation, the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse.

-Adjacent Communities
-Bordering States
-NFIP State Coordinator
Massachusetts Office of Water Resources
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, Ma. 02202
-NFIP Program Specialist
FEMA Region I, Rm. 462
J.W.McCormack Post Office & Courthouse
Boston, Ma. 02109

The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Mass. Gen. Laws and with the following:

-Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR2102.0, "Flood Resistant Construction");

-Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Currently 310 CMR 10.00);

-Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently CMR 6.00);

-Minimum requirements for the subsurface disposal of sanitary sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced State regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these State regulations.

6.04.04

A) Within Zones AH and AO on the FIRM, adequate drainage paths shall be provided around structures on slopes in order to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

B) In Zones A1-30 and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Northfield FIRM or Flood Boundary and Floodway Map, encroachments are prohibited in the Regulatory Floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

C) All subdivision proposals located in the Floodplain District will be reviewed by the Planning Board to assure that:
1) such proposals minimize flood damage;
2) all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage, and
3) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards
4) existing contour intervals of site and elevations of existing structures must be included on plan proposal

6.04.05

The following uses of low flood damage potential and causing no obstructions to flood flows are encouraged, but not limited to, provided they are permitted in the underlying district:

a) Agricultural uses such as farming, grazing, truck farming, horticulture, etc.
b) Forestry and nursery uses.
c) Outdoor recreational uses, including fishing, boating, play areas, etc.
d) Conservation of water, plants, wildlife.
e) Wildlife management areas, foot, bicycle, and/or horse paths.
f) Temporary non-residential structures used in connection with fishing, growing, harvesting, storage, or sale of crops raised on the premises.
g) Buildings lawfully existing prior to the adoption of these provisions.

6.04.06

In the floodway, designated on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map, the following provisions shall apply:

A. All encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements to existing structures, and other development are prohibited unless certification by a registered professional engineer or architect is provided by the applicant demonstrating that such encroachment shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the 100-year flood.

B. Any encroachment meeting the above standard shall comply with the floodplain requirements of the State Building Code.

Add the following to Article XI, Telecommunications, Section 11.06, subparagraph 3:

C. Applicant shall be subject to provisions of Article 10 of this By-Law (Site Plan Review)

Article X, Special Requirements for Specified Uses, Section 10.01, subparagraph 10.01.01, add the following after the words '50 feet of development site':

3-dimensional drawings from all four sides of changes and/or additions of proposed project. If proposed structure will be above existing roof or natural tree lines, additional 3-dimensional drawings will be required from a distance of ¼ mile or from a designated scenic viewing point as determined by the Planning Board.

For any proposed structure which will be above existing roof or natural tree lines, applicant shall float a balloon, large enough to be viewed from a distance of ¼ mile, at the maximum height of the proposed structure for the Planning Board Site Plan Review period.

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 8. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept from any association, agency, proprietorship, corporation, enterprise, individual, etc., a sum or sums of money, or other gift for the benefit of the Town or any of its departments, etc., or pass and vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 9. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any moneys received, as set forth in the appropriate grant application, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 10. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen:
To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease a parcel (or portion thereof) of town-owned land located on Caldwell Road (Map 25, Parcel C1) for a period of up to 20 years, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 11. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution to Seek Lower Electric Rates
in a Competitive Electricity Market

Whereas the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric industry; and,

Whereas citizens of the Town of Northfield have substantial economic, environmental and social interests at stake; and,

Whereas the Town of Northfield's residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electric rates and improving service;

Be it therefore resolved that the Town Meeting of Northfield grant the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts for power supply and other related services, independently or in joint action with other towns or cities. In the instance of joint actions with other towns or cities, the chief executive officer of the town or city is hereby authorized to execute an intermunicipal agreement for this purpose, to develop an energy plan, and to further comply with all requirements for the aggregated purchase of energy and energy related services as required by the Commonwealth. If such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative for service they desire, and

Be it further resolved that the chief executive officer will appoint a representative to a sub-committee of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to oversee the development of any such joint action and make recommendations to the Council and member towns.

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 12. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L.M. c. 44, s. 53 ½ to authorize the use of a Revolving Fund for the purpose of operating Northfield Community Television, theTown's Public Access TV Station, which fund shall be credited with receipts realized by franchise fees from MediaOne, the Town's Cable TV Service Provider, under the authority and direction of the Cable TV Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed $700.00 or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 13. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, section 108L, "Police Career Incentive Pay Program" otherwise known as the Quinn Bill, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 14. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay one-half the premium costs payable by a retired Town of Northfield employee for life and medical insurances, contingent upon the affirmative vote of Question 1 on the May 4, 1999 Annual Election ballot, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $10,000.00

Article 15. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for capital repairs to the Northfield Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $113,700.00

Article 16. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase approximately 3,000 feet of 4 inch diameter water supply hose for the Northfield Fire Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $18,000.00

Article 17. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a new semi-automatic defibrillator for the Northfield EMT's, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $3,500.00

Article 18. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a personal computer for the Northfield EMT's, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,200.00

Article 19. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a snowplow and associated hydraulic system for the Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $4,000.00

Article 20. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a fuel oil furnace for the Highway Garage, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $5,000.00

Article 21. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to fund the salary and associated benefits of one full-time staff position whose responsibilities will include the maintenance, up-keep and cleanliness of town-owned buildings, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $40,000.00

Article 22. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to fund a salary survey of appointed and certain elected town positions, and to prepare job descriptions for those positions, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $9,000.00

Article 23. (Submitted by the Board of Library Trustees)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to climate control the Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $25,000.00

Article 24. (Submitted by the Town Clerk)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to preserve the Town Clerk's records, or pass any votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,500.00

Article 25. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to supplement the account to repair the Town Hall roof, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $8,000.00

Article 26. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to replace the copier in the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $7,000.00

Article 27. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to fund a professional space utilization study to determine the feasibility of restructuring selected town-owned buildings to provide improved accessibility and efficiency, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $8,000.00

Article 28. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to stabilize the Pine Street School building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $17,500.00

Article 29. (Submitted by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to provide a voluntary match for a state-sponsored grant to fund a study to identify areas in town that may be suitable for commercial and/or light industrial development, the project to include data collection, analysis, mapping, and policy recommendations, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,000.00

Article 30. (Submitted by the Board of Assessors)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the preservation of vital record books in the Board of Assessor's Office, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $8,000.00

Article 31. (Submitted by the Board of Assessors)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the Fiscal Year 2001 revaluation of real estate and personal property, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount Requested: $6,500.00

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the Stabilization Fund/Account, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested:

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2000, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested:

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in Northfield on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

One Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Planning Board member for four years, one Planning Board member for five years, one Board of Health member for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, three Recreation Commission members for three years and one Recreation Commission member for two years,

Question 1:

Shall the Town pay one-half the premium costs payable by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance?

Question 2:

Shall the Town of Northfield accept Section 2D of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, which provides for taxing certain improved real property based on its value at the time an occupancy permit is issued?

The polls will open at eight a.m. and close at eight p.m.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

SELECTMEN Of NORTHFIELD	Richard F. Taferner, Chairman Alfred C. Havens Joanne D. McGee
A True Copy ATTEST:	James B. O'Shea Constable of Northfield

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From the Town Secretary..........

As this will probably be the last time I will put together an Annual Town Report for the Town, I wanted to express my appreciation to the many friends I have made while working as the Town's Secretary. I've enjoyed the many diverse activities and functions of my position and have found it a wonderful learning experience. However, to quote the Selectboard, "it's time for new blood", and I feel I've earned my rest and plan to retire by the end of this year. I hope my successor will find the position as fascinating and rewarding as I have over the past 25 years.

Sincerely,
Shirley A. Thompson, Secretary